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HEROIC EFFORTS PROVED FUTILE

TWENTY-SIX MINERS STIFLED BY FOUL AIR

All Hope for Men Entombed in Birmingham Colliery is Abandoned.

Birmingham, Eng., March 11.—The long period of anxiety and suspense over the fate of the entombed miners at the Birmingham colliery came to a heart-breaking end last night for the crowds waiting at the mouth of the pit, when it was announced that despite the most heroic efforts, there was no possibility of any of the men being taken out alive.

Fire broke out in the colliery last Wednesday evening, 26 miners being caught in the pit.

Since then every man available has been engaged day and night in building a new culvert with the object of reversing the ventilation and clearing the shaft of foul fumes. This work meant the removal of hundreds of tons of earth, the installation of new fans and other apparatus, but disappointment succeeded disappointment. At first the repeated efforts of the rescue parties to reach the miners failed, several members of the rescue party being overcome by fumes, and all efforts in this direction having been abandoned. Then the construction of a new culvert was begun, and when the work had been accomplished it was found that falls of earth had blocked the ventilation doors below, involving further delays. Only yesterday was the system finally found to be working and supplying sufficient cool and pure air to permit exploration.

So hopes ran high, but late last night only one body had been recovered. It was that of one of the rescue party, who, overcome by fumes, was left by his companions several nights ago. As yet there is no trace of the others and conditions now are such as to preclude the possibility of their being brought to the surface alive.

In connection with the above story the Associated Press omitted to supply the particulars at the time of the happening.

FORGERY AND THEFT.

Russian Woman Arrested in New York on Grave Charges.

New York, March 11.—Accused of forgery, larceny and embezzlement of over \$20,000 in Russia, Mrs. Olga Stein, nee Sagolovitch, was arrested at a local hotel on an extradition warrant issued by Robert T. Bacon, acting U. S. secretary of state, at the request of the Russian government. She was arraigned before a United States commissioner and committed to the Tombs until March 15th, when the examination in the extradition proceedings will be held.

Her arrest followed the receipt of a cablegram yesterday from Russia giving her whereabouts. When Mrs. Stein was arraigned, John P. Murray, counsel for Count Nicholas de Ledovsky, the Russian consul general, stated before Commissioner Shields that in 1906 Mrs. Stein had passed a certificate of deposit issued by the State Bank of St. Petersburg for 100 rubles, which had been raised to 100,000 rubles, and also charged that between May 11, 1904, and January 21, 1906, she had appropriated certain goods and chattels worth 10,000 rubles. Mr. Murray said that Mrs. Stein's operations resembled in the respects those of the late Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who died not long ago in an Ohio penitentiary. Mrs. Stein made no explanation of those charges against her, on the advice of counsel.

FOUNDING OF PHILADELPHIA.

U. S. May Invite Foreign Nations to Send Warships to 225th Anniversary.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—England and Sweden may be invited to join the United States government in sending to this port warships to participate in the naval display of founders' week next October, which is the 225th anniversary of the founding of the city of Philadelphia. The celebration will last for seven days.

The foreign nations will be asked to participate because of the part colonists from those countries played in the founding of Philadelphia.

BILL TO CONTROL

TELEGRAPHS

Minister Introduces Legislation to Deal With Railway Cartage Business.

Ottawa, March 11.—The minister of railways yesterday introduced the promised legislation to bring telegraphs, telephones, sleeping cars and the railway cartage business fully under the control of the railway commission. The measure also deals with demurrage. It states that the board will have to make regulations to penalize companies for not providing cars to shippers, or not providing them fast enough.

HEATH BARONET POISONED.

Famous English Animal Came to a Mysterious End.

New York, March 11.—Mrs. G. J. Gould's famous English bulldog, Heath Baronet, winner of 150 prizes in one year, for which Mr. Gould paid \$5,000, is the victim of poison. The animal died on Monday night in the Gould kennels at Lakewood.

Whether the bulldog was poisoned by accident or design no one at the kennels last night would say. It is reported, however, that Mr. Gould has engaged a private detective to ferret out the secret of Heath Baronet's mysterious death.

CROWN PRINCE ILL.

Stockholm, March 11.—Gustavus Adolphus, crown prince of Sweden, is confined to his bed with the measles. The malady is taking a normal course.

KING EDWARD AS DIPLOMAT

PRESIDENT FALLIERES TO VISIT ENGLAND

Britain Will Receive With Satisfaction Declaration of Naval Policy.

London, March 11.—The announcement that one result of King Edward's visit to France has been a tentative agreement for an official visit of President Fallieres to London next May, the details of which will be settled when the king passes through Paris on his return, gives the greatest satisfaction here. It is understood that President Fallieres' visit will be one of state corresponding in the main outlines with President Loubet's visit to King Edward in 1902.

The king thus continues his well-known efforts to assist diplomacy in preserving the good understanding with neighboring powers. His letter to the Emperor of Germany combined with Mr. Asquith's statement in the House of Commons yesterday that it was the government's intention to maintain Great Britain's unassailable supremacy at sea is calculated to give a quietus to the common talk raised by the Emperor's letter to Lord Tweedmouth. The acting premier's announcement was given in a manner to please all parties and to inspire confidence that there would be no relaxation in the efforts to maintain the navy up to the strength the public desires.

At the conclusion of his statement Mr. Asquith said: "I hope that is quite explicit. It is the policy of His Majesty's government. It remains on record and it ought to reassure the House that we do not intend in this matter to be left behind."

The Times in an editorial this morning says: "After so clear and explicit a declaration of policy as this, we were satisfied, and it will be received with satisfaction by the country at large."

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

"Not Looked Upon With Suspicion in Europe." Says Sir W. Van Horne.

New York, March 11.—According to the Tribune, Sir William C. Van Horne, chairman of the Canadian Pacific railway board of directors, who was a passenger of the North German Lloyd liner, arriving yesterday, said that American securities were no longer looked upon with suspicion in Europe. Investors now that American securities are at bed-rock and that it is good to buy now while the financial haze in America is clearing up.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

Wellington Colliery Officials in Fair Way Towards Recovery.

(Special to The Times.)
Vancouver, March 11.—The condition of General Manager Little, of the Wellington Colliery Company, Manager Kealey, and O. P. Stevens, injured yesterday in an explosion at Cumberland, is improving and all are in a good way to recovery.

Mr. Little had an arm and several ribs broken; Mr. Stevens had both arms broken and Mr. Kealey was only slightly injured. A Japanese attendant was cut about the face. The mine was not injured.

Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir and his party arrived at Nanaimo last night by special train and left immediately for Cumberland by the steamer Pilot.

AEROPLANE CHALLENGE.

Paris, March 11.—M. Archdeacon Sontou Dumont and Henri Farman have posted a bet of \$1,000 against \$2,400 posted by M. Charron, that an aeroplane would be constructed within a year capable of carrying two persons, one of the persons to weigh not less than 132 pounds, a distance of one kilometre.

MERCHANT'S FAILURE.

Indianhead Man Forced to Assign Because Clerk Absconded.

Winnipeg, March 11.—Mr. Campkin, a well known merchant in Indianhead, Sask., has been forced to assign. One of his clerks absconded recently putting him in a hole to the tune of \$30,000.

'FRISCO GRAFTER OUT OF JAIL

SCHMITZ ONCE MORE ENJOYS FREEDOM

Compact Between ex-Mayor and Ruff to Stand Together.

San Francisco, March 11.—Eugene Schmitz, formerly mayor of this city, was released from jail yesterday where he had been confined for the past ten months, a free man, until he again comes to the bar of justice to face the 29 indictments which are still pending against him, and upon which he had to furnish bail before being released from custody.

Pursuant to the order of the higher tribunal Judge Dunne, of the Supreme court, before whom Schmitz was tried and convicted, dismissed the indictment in the extortion cases and ordered Eugene Schmitz discharged, but at the same time directed that the extortion case be subjected to the grand jury for a new indictment.

District Attorney Landgon would not say last night what he had taken to bring the extortion matter to the attention of the present grand jury, but it is probable that in view of the court's suggestion it will be laid before the inquisitorial body without loss of time.

Brothers in Graft.
(Special to The Times.)

San Francisco, March 11.—Schmitz and Ruff have made it up. Ruff has admitted erring grossly.

"Gee, I have wronged you," he said, wringing out a tear, "but it's all over now, I'm with you to the end."

This happened one day when the two famous grafters got together in prison. Since then their alliance has become complete and they have planned to stand together through the graft trials, neither testifying against the other.

Schmitz freed last night may never return to jail. The attorneys say it will be impossible to convict him unless Ruff testifies.

JURISDICTION OVER RAILWAYS

Chief Power is Gradually Being Attracted by Dominion Commissioners.

(Special to The Times.)
Toronto, March 11.—Hon. J. S. Hendrie was once more elected to act as chairman of the railway committee of the legislature at the first meeting of the session. Col. Hendrie in returning thanks, said that the attitude of the Dominion government towards roads which had obtained provincial charters had resulted in railways going away from the jurisdiction of the Ontario government to that of Dominion board of railway commissioners. This had reduced the volume of railway legislation required, from the province. It was regrettable because the Dominion government commission had no power over Ontario roads, in regard to the reinforcement of agreements between municipalities and railroad companies.

RAILWAY CHANGES HANDS.

Hamilton, Ont., March 11.—The Cataract Power Company has obtained control of the Hamilton, Grimsby, Beamsville electric railway, which for some time was held by the Grand Trunk through the Canadian Express Company.

ATTEMPT TO BURROW OUT OF JAIL

Prisoners at Guelph Had Elaborate Plot to Gain Freedom.

Guelph, Ont., March 11.—For several weeks six of the jail prisoners, who should have long since been taken to the central prison, worked on a scheme to gain freedom. They burrowed a hole through a thick stone wall. The son of the jailer noticed one of them on the top of the prison wall. He gave warning and the man was captured. The plot was then laid bare.

A search unearthed a hole in the wall. The hole had been made by iron strips torn from beds. The excavation had been kept secret by putting loose stones under the floor and throwing old garments over the spot where the hole was being made.

OPERATING TRAGEDY.

Hamilton Doctor Dying From Picking Up Poisoned Instrument.

Hamilton, March 11.—Dr. White is dying at the city hospital as a result of blood poisoning. He was washing a patient being operated on some days ago when the surgeon performing the operation dropped the instrument. Dr. White picked it up and not having rubber gloves on the poison of the instrument touched a scratch on his hand.

PRETENDER'S STAR SAID TO BE WANING

Mulai Hafid Carrying on Apathetic Campaign Against Turkish Troops.

Paris, March 11.—Government advisers received here from Morocco indicate that the star of Mulai Hafid, the so-called Sultan of the South, is waning fast. The repeated victories of the French forces, coupled with the indifferent attitude displayed by Hafid who left the camp at Mar El Chair for a period of five weeks, have created disaffection and resentment among his followers.

Two of the most powerful Kaidis in the south of Morocco, Glaoui and Mougi are reported to be on the point of deserting him, and it is now believed that if the troops of General Bagdadi, chief of the Sultan's army, should march on the Moorish capital, they would take possession of the city in the name of Sultan Abdul Aziz without meeting much opposition.

HINDUS ARE HELD IN VANCOUVER

DETAINED BY FEDERAL ORDER IN COUNCIL

Arrivals on Str. Moana are Objectionable to Both Governments.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, March 11.—Eleven Hindus arrived this morning by the steamer Moana from Suva. As their entry to British Columbia is objectionable to the provincial Natal act and the federal order in council providing that immigrants must come from the land of their birth or adoption, they will probably have a hard legal fight to prevent being deported.

The provincial officers examined them early to-day and all but one failed to pass the educational test demanded by the Natal act. The eleven, who were highly educated and a wealthy Hindu bachelor of arts of the British university and a barrister. He was admitted by the provincial officers, but Dr. Monro for Dominion government, decided that he must be detained just as the others. He objected very strenuously to being thrust into detention with Hindu coolies, but the officials would make no exception.

The eighteen Hindus who were yesterday fined five hundred dollars each under the Natal act, have entered an appeal.

PLEADS GUILTY TO BOMB OUTRAGE

ORCHARD GIVES UP STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Murderer of Governor Steunenberg Will Be Sentenced on March 18.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 11.—Harry Orchard yesterday, before Judge Fremont Wood, in the District court, was allowed to withdraw his former plea of "not guilty," entered at his first arraignment, by order of the court, when he stood mute and entered another plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree as charged in the indictment. Judge Wood will sentence Orchard on March 18th.

Orchard pleaded guilty to having killed former Governor Steunenberg by the explosion of a dynamite bomb at the side gate of his residence here early in the evening of December 30, 1906. He was arrested for the crime on Jan. 2nd and in February confessed that he was hired to kill Steunenberg by Wm. S. Hayward, secretary, Charles H. Moyer, president, and Geo. A. Pettibone, honorary member of the Western Federation of Miners. Hayward and Pettibone were tried in Boise and set free. The case against Moyer was dismissed.

Judge Wood questioned Orchard as to whether he fully understood the statutes of the case, what it meant for him to plead guilty and if he understood that to plead guilty to the charges in the indictment meant pleading guilty to the charge of first degree murder. Perfectly calm with no indication of emotion on his face or voice the prisoner answered that he had gone over the matter thoroughly with his attorney, and had made up his mind definitely. Judge Wood allowed the plea to be changed and set the date for sentence.

After the acquittal of Pettibone, the opinion was expressed in many quarters that if Orchard would take advantage of every legal right he might have to obtain his own release or a light sentence. The stand he took yesterday was a surprise to most persons and his attorney says it was entirely voluntary on his part and against the advice of many who had seen and talked with him.

DEMOCRATIC SPLIT LED TO DUEL

SENATOR KILLED IN LOUISIANA

Strange Outcome of Strained Political Situation—Survivor Not Yet Arrested.

Amite, La., March 11.—The strained political situation in Louisiana Democratic circles was last night responsible for the killing of Democratic State Senator elect D. S. Kemp, of this city. He was shot and killed by C. F. Hyde, a young political and business leader of this section.

Yesterday the men quarrelled about the Democratic primary for lieutenant-governor, in which J. J. Bailey and Paul Lambrecht competed, with the result that Bailey, the defeated candidate, filed a protest, charging the Democratic state central committee with fraud. Hyde, in discussing this controversy, is alleged to have called Kemp a liar.

The friends of both men thought the incident trivial and that it had apparently been forgotten until last night, when Senator Kemp, with a drawn revolver, walked into Hyde's place of business, accompanied by a friend. Hyde was unarmed. Kemp, still keeping his revolver in sight, demanded an apology, which was refused. Kemp is then alleged to have slapped Hyde's face. The senator's friends at this point intervened and separated the two men, who thereupon agreed to meet and fight it out with revolvers. Senator Kemp then left and Hyde went into his house nearby and secured a revolver. When he came out he shouted to Kemp to wait for him, which the senator did. They approached each other and Hyde opened fire with two shots, fatally wounding the senator, who died within 30 minutes after the shooting.

Hyde was not injured and witnesses claim that Kemp did not shoot. Senator Kemp was a man of middle age and Hyde is 24 years old. He had not been arrested up to an early hour today.

OTTAWA IRISHMEN ARE UP IN ARMS

Say Their Nationality Has Been Labelled on Picture Postcards.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 11.—The local divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take action shortly to deal with what they term a libel on the Irish race and have the matter brought before the Dominion government. They state that in local stationers and newsstands, post cards alleged to be Irish but which are on a par with the objectionable "stage Irishman," which fortunately is seldom seen now, but which drew forth much condemnation in past years are being displayed and offered for sale. Not only this, but it is alleged that some of them even bear the name of the order. The real old-fashioned boycott is suggested.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

Hamburg, March 11.—The British steamer Crosswell, Capt. Appleton, from New York, Feb. 21st, for Hamburg, was sunk in the river Elbe near Gluckstadt after having been in collision with an unknown steamer. The Crosswell was a 2,390 ton register.

GERMAN SAILOR BRUTALLY BEATEN

Jumped Into Bay at Port Townsend to Escape His Tormentors.

(Special to The Times.)

Port Townsend, March 11.—F. Harmaning, a German sailor, had his nose broken and was brutally beaten while being taken out to the British ship Paxa of Killecrankie, bound for the United Kingdom, last night. He had purchased some clothing from a local shipping agent and objected to going aboard the vessel without an outfit. The two men in charge of the boat set upon him, striking him in the face with a quart bottle full of whisky, until the sailor jumped from the boat into the icy waters of the bay.

He was picked up about 7 o'clock last night by the United States steamer General Milson. Warrants will be sworn out for the arrest of the two runners. The victim is a union man, but wanted to make the voyage to his home in Germany and sought to ship through the local boarding house.

SKI-ED TO DEATH.

Berne, Switzerland, March 11.—Stephen Koch, of St. Moritz, champion ski runner of Switzerland, has met his death while indulging in his favorite occupation. He was skiing in the mountains above Davos, when he was carried over a precipice by an avalanche and killed.

CONVICT CONSPIRACY.

Two Life Men at Deer Lodge Must Answer Charge of Murdering Deputy Warden.

Butte, Mont., March 11.—A dispatch to the Ringer from Deer Lodge says that as a result of the coroner's inquest over the body of Deputy Warden John Robinson, who was murdered in an attempt of convicts George Rock and William Hayes to break prison on Sunday morning, it develops from the testimony of other convicts that a conspiracy existed among five convicts to make a break, but apparently the nerve of all except Rock and Hayes failed at the crucial time.

Rock and Hayes are charged with the murder of Robinson by the verdict of the jury.

ADMIRALTY PLANS FOR PACIFIC

MEMORANDUM IN NAVAL ESTIMATES

Vessels of Fourth Cruiser Squadron Arrive at Bermuda.

(Special Correspondence.)

London, Feb. 26.—No reference is made to the sending of the fourth cruiser squadron to the Pacific station in the statement of the first lord of the admiralty accompanying the naval estimates for the coming year.

The memorandum says: "It has been recently decided to appropriate permanently the Shearwater and the Algerine for service on the west coast of America, the Algerine being transferred from the China station. These two vessels will be available for the Pacific station and also for occasional visits to the Pacific islands." Reference is also made to the cruiser Sappho of the fourth cruiser squadron spending the winter months on the Pacific coast and the coast of South America.

One of the most significant things in connection with the reported transfer of the fourth cruiser squadron to the Pacific station is the fact that the itinerary of its cruise is only given as far as Bermuda. Heretofore it has been the custom to give a detailed account of the proposed voyage of the squadron from station to station and back to home ports.

The fourth cruiser squadron, consisting of the armored cruisers, Haryalus, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Frederick S. Inglefield, commanding the squadron, Flag Captain E. M. Phillips; Hogue, Captain Evelyn R. Le Marchant, and Cressy, Captain T. Jackson, C. B. M. V. O., arrived to-day at Bermuda, from England. The further movements of the squadron will be watched with interest. The trio are sister cruisers, and a sketch of the Haryalus will therefore cover all three.

This flagship measures 440 feet in length, with a beam of 63 feet six inches and a draught of 26 feet six inches, and has a displacement of 12,000 tons. The hull is built of mild steel throughout, divided into numerous watertight compartments on the latest system. The hull is sheathed and coppered for service in tropical waters, where the bottoms foul quickly. Her water line is amply protected by a massive belt of harveyized nickel steel, which extends along each side for a distance of 230 feet, ending forward in a dead end, with which these ships are fitted; and aft in an armored six-inch bulkhead. The ram weighs about 18 tons. The belt varies from about 11½ feet to 14½ feet in depth, and it extends several feet below the water line, and it connects with the protective steel deck. The latter runs from stem to stern, has a thickness of from 2 to 14 inches, and under it are the engines, boilers, magazines and other vital parts. The engines are of 21,000 h. p. and of the four cylinder triple expansion type. They are supplied by 24 Belleville boilers, fitted with economizers. When at full power, the Haryalus can run off 21 knots per hour. The coal bunkers have a capacity of 800 tons, and both the bunkers and the coal can be used as additional protection in action. The armor of the ship alone weighs 2,300 tons. With regard to the armament, it included two 9.2 inch guns—one mounted in an armored barbette on the main deck, and the other similarly mounted aft. The barbette are protected by six inch armor, and each gun, with its shield and mountings, weighs 126 tons. The "nine point two" is a powerful weapon of long range and penetration. It measures 37 feet in length, and throws an armor-piercing projectile weighing 350 pounds. With a cordite charge of 105 pounds, this projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun with a velocity of 2,600 feet per second, or with sufficient energy to punch 22 inches of wrought iron at about 3,000 yards. The guns cost \$5,555 each, and each shot about £30. The secondary armament includes 15 six inch quickfiring guns—six on each broadside in armored casemates—four 4.7 inch quickfiring guns mounted in armored casemates, two on each side—12 twelve-pounders, and three three-pounders, together with a light machine gun to repel torpedo attack. The torpedo equipment includes two 18-inch submerged tubes. The Haryalus as a flagship is manned by 745 all told, and the Hogue and Cressy carry 700 officers and men each. Each of these cruisers cost well on to \$200,000 each.

GREAT ARMADA IS DEFECTIVE

HAS UNITED STATES BEEN BAMBOOZLED?

Uncle Sam's Battleships Not All They Are Cracked Up to Be.

Washington, March 10.—That there are serious defects in the construction of the American battleships, was charged to-day by Capt. C. M. Winslow, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, and Commander Key, former naval aide of President Roosevelt. The former officer said the ships under Admiral Evans were all seaworthy when they left Hampton Roads. He defended Admiral Rojeventsky for taking the Russian ships into battle with the Japanese with full bunkers of coal, saying that the Russian commander could not have done otherwise, for he did not know how far he would be compelled to steam.

Commander Key attempted to direct the form of his own testimony, and incurred the displeasure of the committee on that point. He criticized the armor belts and the gun decks as being too low and the ammunition hoists unsafe. He attempted to dispute the testimony of other officers, especially Chief Constructor Camp, but was not permitted to do so. Finally the committee held an executive session, at which it was decided that Key should be heard, but his criticism should be confined to ships and not against officers.

Captain Winslow, who was the first witness, in defending the Russian admiral, used the fate of the Russian fleet as an illustration of the danger of going into action with the armor belt too far under water. At the same time he said that the ships should carry at least two-thirds of their capacity of coal and full ammunition and stores.

There was no need, Capt. Winslow said, for more than four feet of armor below the water line. The witness was asked to compare certain types of armored ships with the contemporary class of British ships. He took the Lord Nelson, and in gunnery said the British ship had made a better record for rapid shooting with her battery of 3.2 inch guns than had been made with the Connecticut's 8 inch guns. He thought this achievement was probably due to the hoists.

Commander A. L. Key, formerly navy aide to President Roosevelt, was the next witness. He said he expected to show by comparison that there were defects in the American navy as to the location of the armor belt, the height of freeboard and the character of ammunition hoists, and that he would be compelled to point out inaccuracies in the testimony of Rear-Admiral Camp and some other officers who have been before the committee.

Chairman Hale told the witness that he need not waste time in criticizing the statements of other officers. The witness then took up the subject of armor belts. He said the belts should not be placed around a fictitious waterline, but should be located with regard to the actual water line when a vessel is equipped for action. He criticized the speed tests of battleships, and declared that vessels were run so light that the test is of no value in ascertaining the actual speed of a vessel when carrying full armament, crew and stores.

"Why should contractors be permitted to bamboozle the country with these fictitious speed tests?" asked Mr. Tilman.

"That is just what I have been trying to show," replied Commander Key. He then presented a German criticism to the effect that the English and American tests are of no value, while the German tests are made in accordance with war conditions.

GUN-A-NOOTLESS.

(Special to The Times.)
Vancouver, March 11.—The constables of the Gun-A-Noot expedition returned Gun-A-Nootless by the steamer Amur to-day.

TURKISH "SPIES."

Tiflis, March 11.—It is reported here that three army officers in the Turkish army attached to the general staff have been arrested while engaged in making maps of the country.

DISASTER ATTENDS CAIRO AUTO RACES

English Royalty See Car Kill Policeman and Two Spectators.

Cairo, March 11.—The Khedive of Egypt accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present at Heliopolis yesterday at the first automobile races held in Egypt. The contestants were attended by a fatal accident. During the second race one of the cars ran over a fallen cushion and dashed out of the course. A policeman and two spectators were killed and fourteen spectators injured. After this the Duke and Duchess left and the races came to an end.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.
 Question of Safety in Case of Fire Will Be Gone Into—Appointment of Superintendent.
 At the meeting of the school board to-night it is expected that a report will be made on the safety of the schools in case of fire breaking out. The question is a vital one with the parents who have children attending the schools and it is urgently hoped that such steps will be taken as will leave no doubt as to the safety of the children.
 The urgent points are whether or

INQUIRY INTO MURDER CASE

CORONER'S INQUEST HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Police Are Working Hard to Bring to Justice Perpetrator of Crime.

There have been no further developments in connection with the murder of Charles Freedman, at least there have been no outward manifestations in the way of arrests made by the police. At the same time the detective department and the police as a whole are working steadily on the case. There are some clues which the police have to work upon which they are not saying much about, but which may yet result in solving the mystery.
 This afternoon the inquest opened before the coroner, Dr. Hart, and a jury which was composed of the following gentlemen: E. E. Leason, Ed. Greenshaw, John H. Freeman, R. C. Grant, C. S. Brown and W. H. Adams. After the jury had been sworn in they proceeded to the undertaking parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, and viewed the body of the deceased.

The first witness who was called was Mrs. Freedman. She said that she arrived home about 11:30, and she at once went to the bedroom after taking off her outer wraps. She then went into the dining room, where Mr. Freedman and Miss Hagenbach, from the dining room she went into the kitchen for a glass of water. She returned to the dining room and they all had some fruit. Mr. Freedman got up and went into the kitchen. She heard him holler and ran into the kitchen.

Her husband was holding the pantry door against the burglar. "All I could see was his arm outside the door. In his hand was the gun." Mr. Freedman told her to telephone for the police. She said she couldn't get central to answer, so I ran outside to the front of the house. She shouted for help and then came back and said he was shot. He fell first at the front door. Then he picked himself up and walked outside again.

Witness said she did not hear any shots. That was all Mrs. Freedman said she knew.
 The coroner: "Where was Miss Hagenbach?"
 "She was upstairs. She went up before I did."
 In reply to a question she said the pantry door opened into the kitchen. "All I saw was the man through the partially closed door, and I saw him running down the street afterwards when I was at the front gate. He reached the sidewalk by jumping over the fence. As Miss Hagenbach said, and reached the road in that way."
 In answer to a member of the jury witness said: "I had been in the kitchen when I first came into the house, but I did not look into the pantry at all."

In answer to the chief of police, the witness said that she went down town at 3:30 with her husband and all the doors were locked in the house, but the pantry window was open. The door of the pantry was locked. The reason that the pantry window was left open was because she had fish in there and thought that the pantry was close. "I was in the dining room when I heard him holler," she said. "Before I rang for the police I told him not to holler. I then tried to ring up central, but I could not succeed. When I could not get the police I went out and hollered. I never saw any more of the man than a hand with a revolver in it. The revolver was a dark one. I did not see the man jump the fence but I saw him running."

In answer to the coroner, "The man got away before anyone came over."
 The chief, continuing his examination, asked whether there were any lights in the house. The witness replied that there were not.
 On the day following the murder the witness said she missed a nugget buckle and several smaller things. "I do not know that my husband had any fear of anybody," she said. "The name of my husband's father was Daniel."
 This concluded Mrs. Freedman's evidence.

Elia Hagenbach was then called. She said that she had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Freedman home from the theatre. She arrived at the house about 11:30 p. m. The whole party went into the dining room, where witness took an orange and bade Mr. and Mrs. Freedman good-night. She then went through the kitchen and up to bed. Mrs. Freedman was in the kitchen and there was a light there. "I then went up-stairs," she said, "and prepared to go to bed when I heard agonized groans downstairs and I also heard a rush to the front of the house in time to see a man run across the lawn and jump the fence. I then hollered for help. The

man crossed the street before he went down Stanley avenue."
 "At this time Mr. and Mrs. Freedman were just going down the steps. Before this I had heard Mrs. Freedman holler for help. I went outside and asked somebody to help myself and Mrs. Freedman to take Freedman into the house. There was a gentleman and lady coming down the street and they helped us to bring him in."
 Mr. Freedman was all over blood when he was taken into the house. He asked Mrs. Freedman to take his coat off. I do not know whether she did so. I went for some hot water."
 "I think that I was in the house about ten or fifteen minutes before the murder."

Dr. George Hall stated that he had made a postmortem examination of the body of Charles Freedman. When he first saw the body, Freedman had no coat on, and his shirt was bloodstained. There were a few slight abrasions on the head, and a slight abrasion on the right knee. There was a bullet wound on the left breast in the front. The direction of the bullet wound was slightly upwards toward the heart. The bullet passed through the left centre of the heart, to the pericardium. The bullet was found lodged in the pericardium. The bullet was produced in court.
 The doctor went on to say that all the organs of the dead man were in a healthy condition. The death occurred from the wound, from the hemorrhage which occurred in the region of the heart, following the effects of the shot. It was possible that a person might live for some minutes after receiving a wound of this nature.
 This concluded Dr. Hall's evidence. The inquest was in progress at the time of going to press.

TO TIMES PATRONS

In answer to many inquiries the Times wishes to state that its special Victoria-Vancouver Island edition, which will be issued early next month, is a purely local enterprise and is not associated in any way with any other publication seeking support in this city.

PANIC IN MONTREAL

CHURCH WAS AVERTED

Firemen Extinguish Basement Blaze Without Telling Congregation of Danger.

(Special to The Times.)
 Montreal, Que., March 11.—While St. Joseph's church was crowded to the doors last night by married women of the parish listening to a mission sermon by Father Adams, S. J., a blaze broke out in the basement, where the Societe des Artisans was meeting. Fortunately the fire was discovered before it made much headway and was extinguished without the priests or any of the congregation in the church above knowing the cause of the alarm. The firemen went about their work very quietly. They knew if the women in the church ever got an inkling there was a fire in the building nothing could prevent a panic in which scores might be trampled to death in the mad rush for the doors.

EXPULSION FOR MORMONS

Munich, March 11.—The Bavarian government has ordered the immediate expulsion of a number of American Mormon missionaries, whose presence here is regarded as being dangerous to public order.

NOVA SCOTIA BUDGET

Financial Returns Show Deficit For First Time in Many Years.

(Special to The Times.)
 Halifax, March 11.—The financial returns brought down in the provincial legislature to-day showed a revenue of \$1,277,095 and an expenditure of \$1,329,168, the first time in several years that a deficit has been shown. The loss of revenue is caused chiefly by the decreased coal royalties amounting to \$48,000 and the interest of \$64,000 on temporary loans, which have been made because of the inability to float a new issue of bonds. The amount collected in royalties for the mines was \$623,933, while the cost to govern this department has been \$23,285. Crown lands yielded \$35,880, succession duty, \$65,112, and federal subsidy, \$432,805. Debt interest cost the province \$306,883, and education \$378,756.

GENERAL LAKE'S APPOINTMENT

(Special to The Times.)
 Ottawa, March 11.—A militia order was issued to-day appointing Major-General Lake to be inspector general, and Brigadier-General Otter to be chief of staff from April 1st, 1908.

REPORTED CROW'S NEST DEAL

(Special to The Times.)
 Winnipeg, March 11.—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is again reported to have passed into the hands of J. J. Hill.

GREATLY BELOVED AT KINGSTON

(Special to The Times.)
 Kingston, March 11.—The remains of the late Rev. Henry Wilson, D. D., of the Christian Alliance, who died in Atlanta, are to be brought here for interment with a public funeral and service at St. George's Cathedral, from which he was deposed at about over 20 years ago for his evangelical views. He was greatly beloved here.

VANCOUVER AND U. S. FLEET

(Special to The Times.)
 Ottawa, March 11.—R. Macpherson, M. P. for Vancouver, received a telegram to-day from Mayor Bethune, of Vancouver, asking him to get the Dominion government to invite the American fleet to visit Vancouver. Mr. Macpherson will lay the matter before the government at once.

CIVILIAN WHO CAPTURED A TOWN

KING'S REWARD FOR MUTINY VETERAN

Splendid Services in Taking of Etah Recognized After Fifty Years.

During the past few days the splendid services of a civilian during the Indian mutiny fifty-one years ago have been recognized. The India office has informed E. J. Churcher that he has been awarded a pension of \$500 per annum from January 1, 1908. Mr. Churcher is indebted to the direct intervention of the King, through his Majesty's private secretary, Lord Knollys, for this recognition of a romantic deed.

Mr. Churcher, now seventy-six years old, is a tall, commanding figure. His tread is still elastic, his manner dignified, and his speech quiet but full of force. Two of his sons are officers in the British army. Two of his brothers were killed in the mutiny.

In July 1857, when the mutiny was at its height and Agra deluged with blood, Mr. J. Russell Colvin, the hapless lieutenant-governor of the United provinces, sent Mr. Churcher, a young civilian, to attempt to restore British authority in Etah, a town and fort seventy miles away from Agra on the high road from Delhi to Cawnpore. An order for 5,000 rupees, the greater part unsecured, was given. Mr. Churcher's personal possessions, with this he was to raise a force and do his work.

British Force Defied.
 How his ragged force marched from Agra, how they caught and flogged a Rajah twenty miles away, who three months before had robbed Mr. Churcher's father and mother; how they came through at last to Etah, are incidents which would provide absorbing narratives. But the great incident was the taking of Etah.

"I came to Etah in August 1857 with 100 horsemen and 150 foot," said Mr. Churcher recently, "and called upon the Rajah to allow me to occupy the fort for the British. He planted a green flag on the wall, proclaimed himself a viceroy of the King of Delhi, and refused admission. That evening, camped in the mango grove near the fort, I heard that twenty Sikhs, who had mutinied from a regiment at Benares were approaching."

"Knowing the dare-devil character of these men, I sent for their chief and offered him and his men Rs. 100 each for a night's work. They agreed. With heel ropes and branches of the mango tree, they made storming ladders, which they carried in the front of the fort. Up they went, and I followed, while my men went round to the gate of the fort. It was a forlorn hope, but it succeeded."

"I remember well running along the ramparts with a spy, who knew the fort, and one of the Sikhs, looking in the darkness for the Rajah. We found him sitting in his room with attendants on either side. He was a fat man and slow to move. Through the glass doors we, being in the darkness, could see him well."

Taken By Surprise.
 "My Sikh raised his musket, and smashed in the doors. I rushed in, a pistol in one hand, a sword in the other. The attendants drew their swords. I threatened to shoot the Rajah first and then afterwards, whereupon they fled, and I secured my prisoner."

"Meanwhile the Rajah's soldiers had attempted to fly by the gate of the fort, and later we counted forty dead in one spot. Next morning the fort was surrounded by the people of the town. I took the Rajah to the gate, and announced from the wall above it that I would hang him on the spot and turn the ten guns, which we captured on the ramparts, upon the town if they did not disperse."

Thus was Etah taken. For six months until the end of the mutiny, Mr. Churcher maintained authority, collected revenue, which he sent to the relief of Agra, and kept the trunk road clear of rebels. Wounded and sick. He came to England when the mutiny was suppressed. Returning again, he found that a native clerk, whose loyalty he had commended had been made Rajah of Etah, receiving in place of his clerk's salary of Rs. 7 per month a fortune of \$150,000.

For nearly half a century following the mutiny, Mr. Churcher, who is a barrister, acted as unpaid special magistrate in the United provinces. He is now living in a quiet flat in West London.

PERSONALS

H. C. Thompson and two Englishmen arrived from the North yesterday on the Vado. They have been hunting and trapping along the coast north of Queen Charlotte Islands, and have been fairly successful, securing a large number of marten and black bear as well as deer and duck.

To-morrow morning Bishop Perrin will leave Victoria, via the C. P. R., for England, going by way of New York. He will attend the eleventh great Pan-Anglican conference, and will be accompanied by his wife and family.

R. W. Leeson, of Winter Harbor, is in the city. He was accompanied by Victoria by R. E. Montgomery, of Fort Worth, who is interested with Mr. Leeson in the cannery works there.

Robert Grant, M. P. P., and Mrs. Grant are leaving for their home in Cumberland to-day.

—Word has just been received from Quatsino that a big pollack has been given by Chief Perceles, in which \$4,000 worth of goods were given away. As a chief's social standing is affected by the amount of pollack, Chief Perceles is now a heap big chief.

If It's Correct, Christie Has it.
Just Received
 THE LATEST STYLES IN
Spring Footwear
 Call and See Them at
CHRISTIE'S
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 If Christie Has it, It's Correct.

WHY Eat Soda Crackers brought from the East, which must be at least six weeks old?
Swiss Cream Sodas
 Are Made in Victoria and are FRESH from the Oven
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SALVATION ARMY

OFFICERS VISIT CITY

Lieut.-Col. Howell, Who Has Charge of Emigration Department, is in Victoria.

Lieutenant-Colonel Howell of Toronto, who has charge of the emigration department of the Salvation Army of Canada, came over from Vancouver last evening, and was seen by a Times representative this morning.

Colonel Howell says that he met the party at Halifax. There were 500 in all, of whom about one-half were women and children. A large number of those have money enough to last them some time. They are paying all their own expenses except for a loan of \$25 made by the provincial government, which is repaid by the immigrants.

The army, according to the colonel, does not believe in assisting immigration as generally understood. It was not correct to pick up a family from the submerged world and bring them to the work of the Army. The principle adopted was to assist families to join their husbands who had preceded them to this country, but the money was in every case only loaned.

In Ontario this system of loaning money has been very successfully carried out. A sum of something like \$70,000 has been spent in this way in Ontario during the past four years and the repayments were now coming in at the rate of \$2,000 a month. This speaks well for the calibre of the men who are being brought to the country.

It is the custom of the Army officials to keep in touch with the immigrants after they land here and are placed in positions. This is of course necessary in connection with the repayment of the loans. It is important that this money should be repaid both for the sake of the Army and for the sake of those who borrow the money. "At Stearns," said Colonel Howell, "three car loads were left and when we arrived in Vancouver the following telegram was received:

"Vernon, B. C.—Splendid reception from mayor and people. All pleased. Emigrants delighted with situation."

"A smaller party is leaving England on the 26th inst. and all are coming here."

"I should like to say in connection with the talk about the yellow peril that it is up to employers now, if they want white labor, to apply to us. This can be supplied to any extent. The experiment which has been tried can be repeated as often as may be wished."

DIED.

FREEDMAN—In this city, on the 9th inst., at his residence, 100 Stanley avenue, Charles A. Freedman, aged 43 years, a native of Boston, Mass.
 The funeral will take place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, 1015 Government street, on Thursday, March 12th, at 2 p. m., and thence to the Jewish cemetery for interment.
 Friends will please accept this intimation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE—Great bargain, nearly new cottage and stable, 7 full size lots, just outside city limits, 1 1/2 miles from city hall, price \$2,100. Apply E. White, 1232 Government street.

NEW 7-room house, near the Fountain, Douglas st., not quite finished, \$3,500. Apply E. White, 1232 Government street.

THE PYTHIAN SISTERS

will hold a social dance in A. O. U. W. Hall on Friday, March 13th. Tickets, 5 cents.

BIG SNAP—Two choice building lots, each 55 x 140, on corner, with 20 foot line behind, best part of Oak Bay avenue, swell residential section. The two, \$1,000; terms, 1/4 cash, McConnel & Taylor.

WANTED—A partner for hotel business at Greenwood, B. C. Apply to J. W. Mellor, Victoria.

TO LET—Two unfurnished rooms on Toimale ave., three minutes from street car. Apply Box 251, Times office.

LOST—Monday afternoon, gentleman's purse, containing bills. Reward at 322 Pandora.

WANTED—Two or three thousand feet rough lumber, 1,000 foot radius, will process cheap and in good condition. Box 350, Times.

FOR SALE—50 shares Silica Brick & Lime Co., Box 243, Times office.

Replies to Advertisements

Letters in reply to advertisements in the classified columns of the Times await claimants as follows:
LETTERS—W. K. S. W. A. T. X. Z. NUMBERS—174, 154, 159, 156, 198, 207, 209, 218, 1777, 221, 224, 234, 237, 240.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Amasa B. Pinson, late of Maine, U. S. A., formerly of Victoria, B. C., deceased, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims and demands to the office of the undersigned, Solicitor for the Administrator of the said Amasa B. Pinson, on or before the 10th day of April, 1908.

And notice is also hereby given that after that day the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Amasa B. Pinson, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have had notice, and that he shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whom debt or claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1908.
SYDNEY CHILDS,
 615 Port Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for Frederick H. Rollins, Administrator of the Estate of Amasa B. Pinson, Deceased.

CIVIC NOTICE

A meeting of those interested in Ross Bay Cemetery will be held in the city council chamber, city hall, on Thursday, March the 19th, at 5 p. m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the question of caring for the plots in the cemetery on the "Perpetuity Plan."

The Cemetery Committee will lay before the meeting the details of this system for caring for and beautifying cemetery plots.

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Victoria, B. C., March 10, 1908.

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lowing places in Victoria:
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EXHIBITION AFFAIRS

Secretary Smart of the Exhibition
Association complains that the Times
erred in saying that the Association re-
ceived five thousand dollars for pool-
selling privileges in connection with
the race meetings. The amount realized
from this source, Mr. Smart says, has
been less than one thousand dollars. Of
course we are pleased to make the cor-
rection, principally for the reason that
we desire to be accurate in any state-
ments we make upon a subject which
promises to develop a considerable de-
gree of importance in connection with
the fair, but also because, taken in
conjunction with the total cost of run-
ning the institution, the sum mentioned
would appear to be comparatively in-
significant and we cannot understand
why its loss should be considered as
jeopardizing the success of the exhibi-
tion. At the same time we must point
out that if pool-selling were forbid-
den the loss to the Association, whether
direct or indirect we cannot say, would
be in the neighborhood of five thou-
sand dollars. We are quite certain
neither Mr. Smart nor the directors
associated with him would contend for
a moment that the elimination of an
item of nine hundred dollars would ruin
the prospects of Victoria's annual fair.
Again we fear Mr. Smart does not
strengthen the case for pool-selling by
stating that if the practice be stopped,
from 200 to 250 per cent. must be added
to the purses in order to induce fol-
lowers of the racing game to bring
their horses to Victoria. We are not
quite sure what significance ought to
be attached to such a statement or
what the true meaning of it may be.
Does it imply, as some people will be
impelled to think, that the owners of
horses draw the major portion of their
profits from the betting ring? And, if
they do, what kind of contests have the
public been paying for the privilege of
beholding? Are the dice in the betting
ring loaded in favor of the sellers of
pools and against the unopinionated
outsiders who are foolish enough to
lay wagers on the results? Are the
races conducted on a basis similar to
that of the followers of the "wrestling
game," which generally has fallen into
such disrepute on this continent as to
be a by-word in sporting circles? We
are quite convinced Mr. Smart will not
for a moment admit that such an in-
terpretation could be placed upon his
arguments. Yet he has said enough to
warrant a thorough investigation of
the subject in all its bearings and to
justify the city council in proceeding
very carefully before becoming, as re-
presenting the people, a party to pool-
selling at the race meetings held in
connection with the exhibition. If the
show depends for its financial success
upon practices which public opinion in
the abstract emphatically condemns,
its foundations have not been firmly
established. Experience has proved be-
yond question that gambling is the
ruin of every sport with which it is
permitted to become publicly associat-
ed. This view very nearly accomplished
the downfall of professional baseball
in the United States, because until the
big leagues absolutely prohibited public
betting upon the grounds there was
never any surety that the games were
"on the square." No doubts are ever
raised upon that subject now, and the
management unhesitatingly ascribe the
salvation of the game to the suppres-
sion of the professional betters who at
one time openly conducted their busi-
ness upon the grounds.

A DEAD LETTER LAW.

"The value of all laws lies in the
enforcement of them." We are in-
debted to the Colonist for this strik-
ing sentence. Would that it could be
applied by the provincial government
to one of the laws upon the statute
books—the law governing the protec-
tion of game.

We trust readers of the Times will
excuse us for referring again to this
somewhat hackneyed subject. We are
not continually harping upon it of our
own free will. If there be any cen-
sure due, we must pass it on to our
readers, a goodly company of whom
never cease to inquire why we do not
call attention to glaring contraven-
tions—nay, brazen defiance—of the
provisions of the act. It has also been
pointed out that, while the provincial
police appear to take no interest what-
ever in the enforcement of the statutes
governing the taking of game birds and
fish, doubts as to the very sufficient
reason that this body has more busi-
ness on its hands already than it can
properly discharge—there is a provin-
cial game warden and there are a num-
ber of nominal deputy wardens who
ought to be about the business of the
government and of the people the gov-
ernment represents. Why is it that
none of these officials appears to know
anything at all about what is going
on—unless it happens to be going on
on the mainland? There have been a
number of convictions in Vancouver
and neighborhood for shooting deer out
of season, and heavy fines have been
inflicted. Parties have been charged
with fishing out of season up there
also, and have been severely punished
for their offences. But the game of the
island, one of the most valuable of the
assets of the people and at one time
more plentiful than in any other sec-
tion of the province, appears to be ex-
tinct by the provincial warden, Mr.
Williams, as of little account. Last
Sunday a deer driven into Saanich
Arm by dogs, and shot at by the own-
ers of the dogs, was captured by a
company of fishermen. It is notorious
that streams and lakes in the neigh-
borhood of Victoria have been fished
for weeks, although the legal fishing
season will not open until the 25th of
the month. A complaint has been
lodged with the Times to the effect
that one poacher took no less than
seventy odd trout from Deadman's
stream two weeks ago and eighteen a
week later. And that case is but a
single example of practices which are
general. The fact is that fishing for
trout, is practically carried on all the
year round in the waters in this neigh-
borhood, with the exception of course
of the few months in summer during
which the poacher's favorite lure has
no attractions for the fish. If our
streams were frozen up for three or
four months in the year, as they are in
most of the provinces of Canada, Na-
ture might be relied upon to give the
fish at least a modicum of the protec-
tion which it appears to be vain to
look for from any other source—either
from the sense of fair play which is
traditional with true disciples of the
gentle Isak or from the tarnished
"majesty" of the game law. Might
we again venture to suggest to re-
sponsible authorities that the "value of
the game law lies in the enforcement of
it," and not in any amendments
the legislature may make under the
apparently mistaken impression that
such amendments have the inherent
power of automatically enforcing
themselves.

AN ASTONISHING RULER.

The New York Evening Sun, up to
the time of the coronation of King Ed-
ward, could not discern any qualities in
His Majesty's character worthy of
admiration of a devout republican or
contemporary, in fact, was one of the
chief of the tail-twister and royalty
baiters. Doubtless its point of view
was affected by the mistaken impres-
sion, still prevalent to some extent in
the United States, that there is some-
thing in monarchical institutions rep-
ugnant to the genius of free republic-
an institutions—"government of the
people, for the people, by the people."
The career of our sovereign has done
a great deal to remove this false as-
sumption on the part of our neighbors,
and doubtless the demonstration of
many ancient prejudices is due to a
more sympathetic study of the British
system following the accession of
King Edward to the throne, and the
atmosphere of tolerance which is his
peculiar royal environment. The con-
version of the Sun is most complete, in
witness of which read the following:
"King Edward sat by the bedside of
his Prime Minister yesterday. It was
the first time that the official house
of the head of the Cabinet in Downing
street was visited by the sovereign.
"Tactful? Yes. But more than that.
It suggests the reason why Queen
Victoria's successor is the most in-
fluential ruler that Great Britain has
had since Oliver the Great Protector.
He gives himself no 'Lord's anointed'
airs, but acts in all things as King by
virtue of an act of Parliament. To him
the Premier, representing the voting
majority of the nation, is more impor-
tant than archbishops and dukes. Until
the present reign the Prime Minister,
though he made peers, had to yield pre-
cedence to them. All that has been
changed.
"Edward R. I. has been described as
the best foreign Minister that England
ever had. Nor is it an exaggeration.
There is no hint from Liberals of
'royal usurpation.' For it is known
that he would not lift a hand if he
imagined that there was the slightest

objection on the part of his constitu-
tional advisers to his useful activity as
a peacemaker and peacekeeper. His
successor will have to establish public
confidence in himself if he wants to cut
any such figure in affairs.

"As far George IV. never did, King
Edward deserves the title of the First
Gentleman in Europe. In his public
conduct as a tactful person he comes
pretty near to the Newman definition.
At the funeral of Gladstone he bent
and kissed the hand of the widow, caus-
ing a celebrated Radical to say, 'After
that I forgive him everything, even the
accident of birth.'
"It is strange, when you come to
think of it, that the most constitutional
of sovereigns, because of his scrupul-
ous regard for the limitations of his
office, should be allowed to have more
power than the usurping Stuarts or the
pig-headed Georges."

Experts are finding serious fault with
the United States navy. The people
of Seattle will overlook all the alleged
deficiencies of "Admiral Bob's" com-
mand provided it hastens to cast an-
chor in Puget Sound. Besides, it is
extremely improbable that the United
States battleships will ever be used
for any other than show purposes. The
nation is growing too big for even
Japan, with all her expansive ideas of
national prowess, to tackle. After all,
it is the moral force behind the fight-
ing line that counts in these degene-
rate days.

Toronto Star: Dr. Winthrop has
been testifying before a Washington
committee that if the power companies
go on dividing Niagara Falls the Cana-
dian boundary line will be exposed.
This is dreadful. Look what hap-
pened in Alaska when our boundary
line appeared where they could get at
it.

The King of Spain is a courageous
young man. He could not be discom-
fited by his discreet councillors from ven-
turing into the centre of anarchy. Bar-
celona. Alfonso could have made a
good living at a bull-fighter had he
not been born into another sphere.

The article which appeared in last
night's Times on the "Stability of the
C. P. R." should have been credited to
the Toronto Monetary Times, one of
the leading financial authorities of Can-
ada.

Ex-Mayor Schmitts of San Francisco
is a free man. Another triumph of law
over justice.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTION.

(Toronto Globe.)
Those who take the view that the
recent election contest in New Brun-
swick was personal rather than political
in its character will find confirmation
of its correctness in the speech deliv-
ered by Mr. Hasen after the result had
been made known. Among other things
he said:

"In this fight I have had the sup-
port of a large number of Liberals at
the polls. I do not claim a victory for
the Conservative party, but a tri-
umphant fight in the cause of honest
citizenship. The result to-day is not
a defeat for the Federal Government,
but you will pardon me, I do regard
it as a great personal defeat for Hon.
Wm. Pugsley. In this city, where we
are both well known, Mr. Pugsley ap-
pealed to the Liberal vote because
the leader of the Opposition was a
Conservative. Mr. Pugsley but a few
months ago was elected by the good-
will of the Conservative party in this
city, and in the view of the kind and
generous treatment he received on
that occasion he might have refrained
from butting in and attempting to
dictate to the people of this province
how they should vote."

It is rumored already that Mr. Has-
en will have at least one Liberal
colleague in his cabinet, and if he de-
sires precedents for such a choice
he can easily find plenty of them in
the political history of his province.
The important point in his remarks
is his avowal that the result of the
election contest is "not a victory for
the Conservative party."

A BOOMERANG FOR MR. FOSTER.

(Toronto Globe.)

Hon. Mr. Brodeur made it his busi-
ness while in Europe to look into the
question of winter navigation on the
Haida. It is a question in which
Canadians are becoming interested,
under the belief that navigation both
to the lakes and on the St. Lawrence
could be considerably lengthened both
in the fall and spring by the use of
ice-breaking vessels. An appropriation
was made at the last session of
Parliament to enable the Minister to
propose to the Minister used a sum
of money to assist him in his travel-
ling expenses to the conference at Paris
in connection with the negotiations for
the French treaty, and to the Baltic
to inquire into the work done by the
ice-breakers. Whatever may be the
result of the practice of using mon-
ey appropriated for one purpose to
carry out another, there was surely
a color of right in charging a part
of the expense of Mr. Brodeur's journey
to the appropriation of ice-breakers.
Hon. Geo. E. Foster, however, did
not think so. He applied the most ex-
treme terms to the act. He character-
ized it as "stealing" and "stolen" dark-
ened all his references to the matter. In
the present temper of a portion of
the Opposition the employment of such
words in Parliament has unfortunate-
ly been too common, but Mr. Foster
is an ex-Minister of the Crown, and
what might be treated as a character-
istic of a man who appreciates the
force, and that they should not be
used except when the clearest public
duty demands it, they are especially
worthy of censure. How gratuitously

uncalled for they were in Mr. Foster's
case was made apparent on Saturday,
to his great discomfort.

Someone with a long memory re-
membered that in 1892 Mr. Foster,
then Minister of Finance, took a very
different view of a similar transac-
tion. In that year Mr. Foster paid
his expenses to Washington out of an
appropriation for commercial agencies.
Mr. Wm. Patterson, the present Min-
ister of Customs, interrogated Mr.
Foster with regard to that and other
similar perversion of appropriations.
Mr. Foster denied the charge, and
asked what difference it made, as
it all came out of the same pocket. The
reading of this passage on Saturday
destroyed even Mr. Foster's imper-
turability. . . . He could not,
with all his bravado, stand firm, and
after some squirming, he was com-
pelled to say, with poor grace, that
he unreservedly withdrew the word
"steal."

The incident is a significant one. It
illustrates how ready the Opposition
is to indulge in language that should
never be heard in Parliament except
where there is an intention to follow
it up by definite and stern action. The
Opposition has become a faction. It
has no policy or aim, and is merely
actuated by a rage for office. This
would be of small importance did it
not lead to a degradation of Parlia-
ment and a lowering of public life,
and public men in the general esti-
mation. And this amounts to an in-
jury no less serious than it is very de-
plorable.

CHURCH TROUBLES
HEARD LAST NIGHT

Rev. F. T. Tapscott and Those
Differing from Him Pre-
sented Their Cases.

Last night there was a meeting of
the congregation of Calvary Baptist
church in the Victoria hall, Blanchard
street. Nearly 60 members of the
church were present, of whom over 40
were women. The occasion was the
consideration of the dispute between
the pastor, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, and
some of the members of the building
committee, the executive committee,
and the deacons. The difficulty is a
long standing one and cannot be stated
in a few words, but it is perhaps
sufficient to state that the whole thing
arose over the building of the new
church.

The complaint was heard by a coun-
cil of representatives from other
churches, those present being Rev. Mr.
Anderson, of Chemainus, Rev. Mr.
Deane of Seattle, Rev. Mr. McLeod of
Nanaimo, Rev. Mr. Lennie of New
Westminster and E. B. Morgan of Van-
couver. This council is acting simply
in an advisory capacity, as the congre-
gation of every church is supreme in
matters of this sort.
So complicated was the case that it
took the council until 4 o'clock this
morning to hear the matter and then
the congregation went home, leaving
the council to come to a decision. It
was announced that this decision would
be handed in to one of the officers of
the church and a meeting will be held
this evening to receive the report.
The matter was discussed in a very
seemly manner last night, there be-
ing none of that intensity of feeling
shown which was exhibited on a former
Sunday.

WILL CASE APPEAL
HEARD AT OTTAWA

Marks v. Marks, Argued in
B. C., Now Before Supreme
Court.

(Special to The Times.)
Ottawa, March 11.—In the Supreme
court to-day the appeal, Marks v.
Marks, from the judgment of the Su-
preme court of British Columbia, was
argued. The case arose out of the will
of Alfred T. Marks, of Nelson, who
left his property to his wife, two wo-
men claiming it. The court in British
Columbia directed an issue as to which
of the women was really the testator's
wife. The respondent was married to
the testator in 1902. The appellant
claims to have been married to him in
1873, and the evidence taken on com-
mission shows that the parties went through
a formal marriage at that time and
lived together as man and wife after-
wards. The Chief Justice of British
Columbia, who tried the issue, held
that the first marriage was not proved,
and gave judgment for respondent,
which was affirmed by the Full court.

BROWNVILLE RIOT.

President Roosevelt Transmits Message
to Senate Committee on Military
Affairs.

Washington, March 11.—In connection
with the report of the senate commit-
tee on military affairs on the Brown-
ville riot, which was made to the sen-
ate to-day, the president transmitted
a message in which he said that the
facts set forth in his order dismissing
the negro soldiers had been substantiated
by the testimony before the commit-
tee. He recommended the discharge
of soldiers which had expired be ex-
tended for a year in order to permit
him to reinstate any of the discharged
men who did not fall in with the terms
of his dismissal. Senator Warren pre-
sented the report of the committee on
behalf of the majority, and Senator
Foraker the views of the minority.

U. S. BATTLESHIP FLEET.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—The navy
wireless station at San Diego, Cal., was
in direct communication with the Unit-
ed States battleship fleet, consisting of
the Mexican coast vessel to-day and re-
ceived and transmitted official dis-
patches to Washington.
The exact position of the fleet was
not indicated, but it must be within
four hundred miles of Magdalena Bay
to-day.

Another New Lot of Ladies'
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Yesterday ushered in another shipment of Ladies' Costumes which are to be seen
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style variety wide enough to suit every taste.

The Coat Models

include fitted and
semi-fitted styles
in many variations of Madame Butterfly and
Eton ideas, inlaid with Persian trimmings and
Pongee Silk, with three-quarter and full length
sleeves and turn back cuffs.

The Materials

mostly in these new
arrivals are Panamas,
Volles, Venetians, Broadcloths, Worstedes and
Serges of excellent qualities in Herring Bone,
Stripes and plain effects, which will be pleasing to
the most fastidious dresser.

The Skirt Models

include full
pleated with
deep folds of silk, deep box pleated front and
back, with fold of self finished with silk braid.
Some in eleven gore, full flare, with fold of self
trimmed with braid.

The Colors

include a very wide range of
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A LIVELY TIME IN

THE POLICE COURT

E. M. Johnson and E. W. Rob-
inson Air Differences Again
—Other Cases Disposed of.

In more ways than one the city po-
lice court resembled a theatre this
morning. The space which is allotted to
the general public was crowded with
spectators. They had come to see some-
thing out of the ordinary and they were
not disappointed.

The first case which was called be-
fore—Magistrate Jay was the case
against a Swedish of the name of "Long
Willie."
The charge against "Long Willie"
was that he obtained \$10 from the Vic-
toria Sealing Company on the under-
standing that he would sail on the
ship Dora Seward. F. Higgins ap-
peared for the defence.

The first witness who was called was
Capt. R. Genn. He stated that on Janu-
ary 30th of the prisoner came into
the office of the company and asked to
see Capt. William Heister, who is the
captain of the Dora Seward. The wit-
ness told him that he would find Heister
on the boat. The prisoner came into
the office again in the course of the
afternoon. He called on for an advance
of \$10. He said that he would sail on
the Dora Seward. The money was
given to him by Capt. Heister, and it
was arranged that he should sign on
the schooner when the ship was about
to sail. It has been the custom of the
company to advance money to Indians
because it was impossible to get them
to work on the boats unless they re-
ceived an advance.
Since "Long Willie" had obtained the
\$10 he had gone to another company
and signed on. From the second com-
pany he had obtained another advance
of \$25.

Cross-examined by Mr. Higgins the
witness admitted that the money had
been given to the prisoner on the faith
of the statement that he would go on
the Dora Seward. This was the only
ground upon which the money had been
advanced.
Capt. William Heister, the captain of
the Dora Seward, was the next wit-
ness. He corroborated the evidence of
the first witness and said that he had
not the first witness on Government street
the first night afterwards, and asked
him if it was true that he had signed
on in the ship Thos. F. Beard. The
prisoner admitted that it was and the
witness asked him if he would pay
back the \$10. The prisoner said that
he would pay Capt. Stocken, the captain
of the Thos. F. Beard, and that he
would pay the money.
In cross-examination the witness said

that the agreement was entirely a ver-
bal one and that "Long Willie" had
signed nothing.

Mr. Higgins called the attention of the
witness to the Canadian Seaman's Act,
in which it is laid down that no person
has any right to engage seamen except
before the shipping master, and sug-
gested to the magistrate that the cap-
tain had been guilty of an illegal act.
He also submitted that there had been
no agreement whatsoever.

At this stage the chief of police re-
tired from the prosecution and J. A. Al-
kman took up the case.

Mr. Alkman asked for an adjourn-
ment on the ground that he had just
taken up the case and that moreover
the information was not properly laid
under the act, and should have to be
amended.

Mr. Higgins objected on the ground
that no case had been proved against
"Long Willie," and asked that if the
case was remanded his client should be
let out on his own recognizances.

"Long Willie" was remanded until
to-morrow on bail in the sum of \$50.

A Dog Case.

The old feud between E. M. Johnson
and Ed. W. Robinson was the next
item, and for more than an hour the
court and all were convulsed with
laughter. The case itself was nothing.
All that happened was that Johnson's
dog bit Robinson, and in the ordinary
way the magistrate would have dis-
posed of it in a very few minutes. But
the evidence was racy to a degree. The
conclusion of the case was that the
magistrate made an order for the de-
struction of the dog or for the payment
of a fine of \$20.

When Mr. Robinson heard the de-
cision he applied to the magistrate for
permission to carry concealed weapons.
"My life is in danger if that dog
lives," he said.

The case was conducted upon the
lines that the plaintiff and defendant
could do what they pleased, and all the
rules of evidence, as they are generally
accepted, were disregarded. Mr. Rob-
inson went into the box and showed his
leg to the court. He had certainly been
bitten, and Johnson did not deny that
fact. He put in the plea that his dog
had been fighting Robinson's dog, and
that if Robinson was such a fool as to
interfere in a dog fight he must expect
to be bitten.

The pith of the case lay in the humor
of the dialogue and the wealth of re-
partee which it contained. Here are a
few extracts:
"Mr. Johnson said to me when I com-
plained that his dog had bitten me, to
hell with you. It served you right."
To which Robinson replied, "This is
no laughing matter."
Later in the case Robinson said that
he was in danger of his life on account
of the dog, and that he had to fight his
way home with an umbrella.
"This man," exclaimed Johnson,
after the court had partially recovered
from the paroxysms of mirth into
which it had been thrown by the state-
ments of Robinson, "dances up and

down in front of my house. I cannot
stop him."

This brought out a retort courteous
from Robinson: "If you speak the
truth, there is no truth in God's world."

And while Johnson was on the stand
Robinson sat in a corner of the court
and continued to growl, "Liar, liar,
liar."

After the case was concluded Rob-
inson endeavored to assault Johnson, but
Serge. Redgrave and another constable
separated them.

ANTI-GAMBLING LEGISLATION.

Penalty of Imprisonment Only in Con-
nection With Horse Racing.

Albany, N. Y., March 11.—The Senate
approved on March 10th a bill to fix
a penalty of imprisonment only for
gambling in connection with horse rac-
ing. The bill as reported is amended
so as not to take effect until Septem-
ber 1st. This amendment was opposed
by Chairman Hill and Senators Hingan
and Saxe, but was adopted by a vote
of four to three. This amendment,
while pressed by the opponents of the
legislation recommended by the gov-
ernor, nevertheless makes the operation
of the bill correspond with the usual
rule of code amendments, which almost
invariably are declared effective on
September 1st, but if adopted would
except the majority of this summer's
racing schedules from the anti-gambling
legislation.

Governor Hughes refused to comment
for quotation upon the action of the
senate committee in amending the bill,
but left no room for doubt of the fact
that he does not approve the amend-
ment. He believes that there is no rea-
son for postponing until September 1st
the effective operation of the legislation
of the state.

REPOLE'S \$10,000,000.

Brussels, March 11.—Premier Schol-
wert, speaking in the chamber of de-
puties yesterday answered the objec-
tion raised by Minister of State Ber-
nardi to the granting of \$10,000,000 to
King Leopold under the Congo annexa-
tion treaty. He declared that parlia-
ment could rescind these annuities if
the money was not used for the pur-
poses testified.

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Local News

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Remember the Leap-Year skate to take place to-night at the rink. A prize will be given to the lady who skates with the most, different gentlemen. Ladies pay, gentlemen free.

The long-term prisoners from the provincial jail at New Westminster were brought to the city last night and placed in the jail here. The accommodation in the provincial jail here is now fully taxed.

Last evening a meeting of the Colfax Rebecca lodge, No. 1, was held in the L. O. O. F. hall, and was largely attended. Four candidates were initiated into the order during the evening. A small amount of business was transacted.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Frank Pettigrew, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew, 46 King street, took place from the isolation hospital to Ross Bay cemetery. There was a large number of friends of the parents present at the funeral and many beautiful floral tributes were sent. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services.

C. W. Kirk, chairman of the committee in charge of the Furman Benefit concert, has just handed in his statement, showing that the gross receipts were \$222; expenses, \$13.50; leaving a balance of \$208.50. This has been handed over to Mr. Furman. The committee wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their services on the programme and otherwise.

The management of the Aged Woman's Home extends grateful thanks for the following donations received on February: Mrs. Wall, flannellette sheets; Mrs. McLean, clothing; Mrs. McBride, cakes; Mrs. Aldershaw, clothing; Mrs. Chris Spencer, reading matter; Ladies of First Presbyterian church, tea and entertainment at which \$24.45 was realized for the institution; Sunlight Soap Company, box of soap; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

The members of the Salvation Army were last night entertained at the home of W. and L. Bell, Douglas street. About seventy of the local members took advantage of the invitation and a most enjoyable time was spent. The members met on the corner of King's road and, led by the band, marched to the scene of the festivities where the evening was spent in enjoying a programme of musical and literary selections. Speeches were also given by Major Morris, Lieut.-Col. Howell, Major Creighton, of Winnipeg and Adjutant McRae.

The following are the latest permits granted by the building inspector for dwelling houses with their estimated cost: Peter Leveille for a two-story brick dwelling to cost \$4,000, on Chatham street, south side, near Government street; to Mrs. McMillan for a dwelling to cost \$1,950, on View street; to Charles E. Brown for a dwelling on Carroll street, to cost \$1,800; to John W. Black for a stable on View street, to cost \$150; to Thomas Pimley for a dwelling house to cost \$850, Douglas and Niagara street; to Mrs. Lydia M. White for a dwelling house, Gorge road, to cost \$2,600.

A number of ratepayers seem to be unaware of the procedure to follow when they wish to have certain municipal work done in the locality where they reside. In last week's report to the city council made by the streets, bridges and sewers committee there are no fewer than six applications to which the departmental reply is as follows: "Recommended—provided a majority of the property owners on said street petition the council so to do." The applications referred to were made by individuals or business firms asking that permanent sidewalks be laid on certain streets. Much time would be saved were a petition signed by the residents of the locality submitted for the personal application. The streets, bridges and sewers committee recommended that \$5,000 be appropriated out of maintenance fund for street repaving.

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A meeting of the Oak Bay Boat club will be held at the Oak Bay hotel to-night at 8 o'clock, and while it is primarily intended for the members, yet those who are not members but are interested are invited to attend, as the charter will be closed to-night and those applying for membership hereafter will be required to pay an entrance fee.

A special meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be held in the Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street, on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. John Muir, organizer for the order in British Columbia, will be present and initiate a number of candidates. A social will be held afterwards. All members are requested to attend and bring along their friends.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

Chinaman is Reported to Have Lost Money in Dark Alley.

It is reported that last night shortly before midnight, as Chang Lung was returning from a gambling house, passing through one of the narrow dark alleys of Piguard street, he was met by three white men, who had a short time before lost a good deal of money at the same place. They knocked Chang down and took away the \$15, a large part of which he had won a short time before.

An effort was made to get the Chinaman not to report the matter, as it was thought it might cause the police to investigate the gambling which is alleged to be going on all the time in that district. Chang was not to be restrained, however, and information was given. The police asked regarding the matter why that it was reported, but that there is nothing in the report.

Chang Lung is of different opinion. There was something in it, that is, in his pocket, but now it is there no more.

A MINING CASE.

Action Brought in the Supreme Court to Settle a Dispute.

In the Supreme court this morning before Mr. Justice Irving the case of Swanson vs. Graham was commenced. F. K. Peters, K. C., and S. Perry Mills, K. C., appearing for the plaintiff, and H. D. Helmcken, K. C., for the defendant.

The case is one for damages to the extent of \$2,500, claimed by Swanson, a mine of Sooke, against Graham, of Saanich. The defendant induced the plaintiff, it is claimed, to enter into partnership, relying on the fact that the latter had a mine. He put in three months' work, when, owing to a dispute between them, Swanson stopped work. He had already driven a tunnel nearly 70 feet at the time of the cessation of work.

The defendant gave the plaintiff notice that unless he went on with his work he would forfeit his claim. He took no notice of this, but later when he went to get a settlement defendant claimed that he had forfeited his interest in the mine. Further, the defendant put in a claim for \$5,000 for damages, owing to the cessation of work and the shutting down of the mine.

In his evidence this morning the plaintiff claimed that his work was worth at least \$20 a running foot, and that was the basis for his claim. The government rate for this work was \$30 a foot, but if the work was let it would cost \$5 or \$10 a foot more, as the rock was very hard. Swanson was being cross-examined by Mr. Helmcken when the court adjourned for lunch.

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Col. Hall Tendered Members a Dinner for Honors They Had Won.

Last evening at the Dallas hotel Col. J. A. Hall entertained the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of No. 2 Company, Fifth Regiment, to a dinner. This was the result of No. 2 company having won the Governor-General's cup for being the most efficient company of garrison artillery in the active militia of Canada. It need scarcely be said that the attendance was the biggest parade the company has had this year.

On the word being given to "fall in," quite 50 seated themselves at the well-laid tables. It was not necessary to sound a general charge, as each one attacked independently. While there were no casualties to record on the side of the Fifth, the opposing "forces" were noticed to gradually retreat and eventually to disappear.

There being a clear field the host, Col. Hall proposed the health of the king, which was drunk with the usual honors. During the evening songs were rendered by Nos. Sergeant Richardson, Gunner Beaven and Mr. Dixon.

Col. Hall in the course of his remarks gave the members a lot of good advice as to how to retain the honors won last year at camp. He also said that just at present he was in doubt as to who he was or where he was because his term of command had expired on the 28th of last month; that the D. O. C. would not relieve him of duty; that he had applied for and received leave of absence for three weeks, therefore the above dilemma.

Capt. Winsby proposed the health of Col. Hall in a few well-chosen words, which was received with enthusiasm, and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Shortly after 12 o'clock the singing of God Save the King terminated the most enjoyable and noteworthy function in the history of No. 2 company.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR ROSS BAY CEMETERY

Committee of City Council Will Meet Citizens and Suggest Plans.

The Ross Bay cemetery is at present in an unsatisfactory condition. The cemetery committee have therefore decided to take steps to remedy the state of affairs, and will do so if the public for as the advertisement calling the meeting on Thursday of next week puts it, "those interested" support them in their proposed scheme of reform. The cemetery, some 30 acres in extent, is at present in a state of neglect. It is evident that "those interested" in keeping the graves in proper order have not done so. After paying \$5, which is the minimum purchase price of a cemetery lot and the \$7.50 for digging the grave and re-filling it, and probably from \$3 to \$6 to some firm to keep the lot in order for a year, they allow the matter to drop, and the result is, as Alderman Weston, chairman of the cemetery, put it, "a disgrace to a civilized community." Probably it is not generally known that by paying the sum \$15 to the city corporation the owners of a cemetery lot secure for all time the proper care of that lot by the city. The committee's wish is to have a perpetuity fund started so that the cemetery may never be allowed again to fall into what it is at present. Instead of the revenue going as it now does into the general fund of the city corporation, the money will go into a separate and exclusively a cemetery fund, and in time the interest on the money so secured will safeguard the cemetery for all time.

The perpetuity fund system works well in eastern cities, e.g., Winnipeg and Hamilton, and in the United States. The cemetery committee wish to explain the matter to "those interested" in Victoria with a view to introducing the system here.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Coroner's Jury Inquired Into Circumstances Connected With Seaman's Death.

Yesterday afternoon an inquest was held on the body of Thomas Jones, the sailmaker, who fell into the harbor at Porter's wharf and died from the effect of his involuntary bath.

Capt. Sainy, the captain of the Port Patrick, gave evidence that Jones had been a competent seaman and also that he had been in the marine hospital for about 21 days before he died.

Dr. Robertson informed the coroner that Jones had died from the shock which he received when he fell into the water. He had been attended to at the police station in the best possible manner, but nevertheless when he arrived at the hospital he was practically a dead man.

Robert Robertson told the jury the story of how Jones fell into the water and was rescued by the S.W. 5th.

The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

The dance of the Pythian Sisters will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall on Friday evening. Miss Thain's orchestra will be in attendance.

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News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province

COUNCIL OF WOMEN AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Question of Isolation Hospital
for Tuberculous Patients
is Discussed.

New Westminster, March 10.—A largely attended meeting of the Local Council of Women was held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade room, when a large amount of business, including the appointment of members to act on a number of committees, was transacted. The question of an isolation hospital for incurable tuberculous patients was dealt with at length, it being finally decided that there was no occasion to build a special cottage for these cases in this city at the present time, as the patients were receiving the best of attention at the Columbian hospital. Special provision will be made for these sufferers in the new hospital building.

Standing committees for the coming year were named as follows: Domestic science, Mrs. Levar; school, trustees and education, Mrs. F. Broad; council literature, Mrs. Benson; white slave traffic, Mrs. Coverdale Watson; customs and feeble-minded women, Miss Davies; better protection of women and children, Mrs. Warwick; aged and infirm people, Mrs. A. J. Hill; finance, Mrs. J. Anderson; immigration, Mrs. L. Thorne; public health, Mrs. R. H. Thorne. The president of the home-making and the objectionable literature committees will be settled upon at the next meeting of the council, these being considered two of the most important committees on the list and several of the ladies suggested for these being either unable or unwilling to act.

The president, Miss Davis, occupied the chair at the meeting.

RAID ON CHINATOWN.

Sixteen Vancouver Chinks With Gam-
bling Paraphernalia Are Arrested.

Vancouver, March 10.—Led by Sergeant of Detectives Preston, a detachment of police last night raided Oriental club rooms on Pender street, near Piers, and arrested sixteen Chinamen and seized a large quantity of gambling paraphernalia. The raid was one of the most successful the police have conducted for some time. The place had long been suspected of being a gambling joint, and it was said by the police to have been the objective point of many whites as well as Orientals.

No game was in progress when the police broke through the doors into the rooms, but there was present all the utensils for playing chuck-a-luck, fan-tan and black-jack. There were also other evidences that gambling had been in progress, sixteen Chinamen in the rooms were placed under arrest and taken to the station. They are out on bail of \$100 each, but will come up for trial to-morrow.

A peculiar feature of the building which was raided and which the police have for years been endeavoring to solve is the presence of a large shaft running from the basement to the roof with doors leading from every floor. Just what purpose this shaft is used for has never been learned, but the police are inclined to think that it has something to do with the escape of Chinese in the event of a raid.

POOL PLAYING FOR LIVING.

Profitable Game Did Not Save Negro
From Vancouver Jail.

Vancouver, March 10.—Oscar Mortimore, a colored youth, who has been giving the police considerable trouble of late, was convicted of vagrancy in the police court yesterday morning and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Oscar was arrested at 1.15 a. m. on Sunday by Detectives Jackson and McLeod. At that time he was engaged in a foot race with another man, and a crowd of over 100 was gathered on the Avenue and Carroll streets. Questioned by the officers, the colored boy failed to give what the officers considered was a very good account of himself and he was locked up. When the case was called yesterday, Mr. J. B. DeB. Ferris, who represented the accused, said that his client had been making from 75 cents to \$1 per day playing pool, but the court held that this was not a visible means of subsistence, and sent the accused to goal. Mr. Kennedy contended that the accused was playing pool for money, he could be charged with gambling.

\$1750 REWARD.

Vancouver Chinese Alarmed at Al-
leged Attempt on Their Inter-
preter's Life.

Vancouver, March 10.—Prominent business men of Chinatown are alarmed at what is believed to have been an attempt on the life of David Lew, the well-known interpreter, and rewards aggregating nearly \$5,000 have been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties. The Chinese Property Owners' Association has offered \$500, Lee Yuen & Co. \$750, while the Bo Wing Yow, or the Chinese Empire Reform Association of Canada, has also offered \$500, bringing the total amount to \$1,750.

There is no clue to the identity of the guilty parties, although every effort is being made to bring them to justice.

WARNING TO SCORCHERS.

Vancouver, March 10.—Judge Mac-
donald to-day confirmed the conviction against an automobile owner for speeding, even though the city regula-
tion makes the limit eight miles an hour, while the provincial regulations allow twelve.

HOSPITAL FOR ALBERNI DISTRICT

CASUALTIES ON
RAILWAY GRADING WORK

Necessity For Structure Dis-
cussed by New Board of
Trade.

(Special Correspondence.)
Alberni, March 9.—A meeting to complete the organization and to elect officers for the Alberni board of trade, was held in the court house on the 2nd inst. The board starts with a membership of thirty-six. Officers were elected as follows: President, G. A. Huff; vice-president, P. J. Burde; secretary-treasurer, C. M. Pine; council, C. F. Bishop, A. D. Cooper, W. H. Marston, J. R. Motion, A. W. Nall, W. Port, W. R. H. Prescott, R. D. Wood. Monthly meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month.

At the same meeting a discussion took place on the motion of R. J. Burde, looking to the starting of a small hospital in the district. A general feeling was expressed that this was a most desirable object and one for which there will soon be urgent necessity. A committee was appointed to ascertain approximately how much of the required cost could be raised by local subscriptions. R. J. Burde, A. D. Morgan, M. D., and W. H. Marston were named to form the committee.

The necessity of such a building it was pointed out that though but little work has yet been done on the grading of the line of railway, already two fatal accidents, besides numerous smaller casualties have occurred. The latest was the tragic death of a German named Miller, who, while engaged in blasting rock for the grade, delayed too long in trying to light a second fuse, and was actually leaning over the first shot when it went off, blowing the unhappy man in pieces into the bay, along the shore of which he was working. Miller had been noted and warned for the carelessness with which he handled the explosives.

Improved Mail Service.

The post office department of the Dominion government are calling for tenders for an improved mail service between Nanaimo and Alberni. The schedule laid down provides for three mails a week each way, which will prove a most convenient and necessary service.

Realty Deal.

The sale is announced of three five-acre blocks of the Compton farm, by J. R. Motion to G. A. Spencer, for the consideration of \$750. Another subdivision will shortly be placed upon the market, the farm owned by E. L. Gill having been cut up into one and five-acre blocks.

New Store Opened.

G. A. Forrest, who recently returned from Cape Baile, where he had been carrying out extensive improvements for the department of marine, will open a store for the sale of building material locally, and will also be prepared to submit plans and estimates for any class of building. He is now erecting a cottage on the Creamery road.

Two of Alberni's bachelors have recently become benedicts, George Clarke, second son of Daniel Clarke, marrying Miss A. Adams of Nanaimo. Mr. Clarke is the first native son of Alberni to enter matrimony, though several young ladies born here have been married. The wedding is also announced in Victoria on the 4th inst. of W. F. Gibson and Miss E. E. McDonald. The groom is a new arrival in Alberni, having purchased a farm in the Cherry Creek district a few weeks ago. The happy couple are expected to return to Alberni after a short honeymoon.

Cattle Imported.

The first importation of cattle for many years was made last week by J. Redford, who brought a carload of fast steers from Nanaimo. The regular shipments will have to be made to keep pace with the local demand.

A good opening exists in Alberni at the present time for a competent wheelwright who would also do repair work on farm vehicles.

Describes Alberni.

The Bulletin No. 24, descriptive of the Alberni district, recently issued under the authority of the provincial government, has been distributed, and the genuine reliable information concerning all parts and possibilities of the district, which it contains, is much to be desired by the government, will do a great deal to promote immigration to this part of the island. It is handsomely illustrated with photographs taken in the district.

Personal Movements.

E. Woodward and E. Moore, who have been spending the winter in the Old Country, and E. D. Folwell, who has been visiting friends in the East, returned to Alberni on the boat of the 1st inst. Rev. T. Glasford returned at the same time from Victoria, where he had been in attendance at the meeting of the Victoria presbytery.

Ladies Basketball.

A basketball match took place in the hall between teams captained respectively by Miss Robertson and Miss H. Miles. After a quick game the ladies led by Miss Miles were declared the victors. There was a large attendance of spectators, Miss A. Miles acted as referee.

STEEL BRIDGE OVER COWICHAN RIVER

C. P. R. Will Replace Old Wood-
en Structure at Duncan—
Other Improvements.

(Special Correspondence.)
Duncan, March 10.—The C. P. R. intends to build a new steel bridge in place of the old wooden one. In all five new bridges are to be built, one between Cowichan station and Duncan, one between Cobble Hill and Shawigan, a steel bridge across the Chemungus river, and one across the Nanaimo river. With the filling in at Waugh creek, which will do away with two bridges, and the concrete culverts that have been put in during the past year, the line will be very much improved.

RICHARD III. MINING COMPANY.

Annual Meeting to Take Place on Sat-
urday Next.

(Special Correspondence.)

Duncan, March 9.—The annual meeting of the Richard III. Mining & Development Company will take place at the registered office in Duncan on Saturday the 14th inst. at 2 p. m.

Dr. Barry, physician, has to-day opened an office in the premises recently occupied by Mr. White, the saddler.

Mr. White has built a new shop. A month ago there were no millinery shops. One has been opened and there are rumors of two others to start.

Messrs. Frank Harrison and Philip Stanhope have left for England. Fred Matland, Douglas arrived on Saturday from Scotland. His daughter Mrs. Phipps, of Minneapolis, has also arrived on a visit of five months.

RICH ARABLE LAND

IN KOOTENAY VALLEY

Origin and Geological Forma-
tion—How Lake Came Into
Being.

Cranbrook, March 10.—The great valley of the Kootenay river is, within the ten mile belt, underlain by an unfossiliferous rock-series which has lithological characters differentiating it from all the rock-terraces to the westward. This series is largely composed of gray, heavily-bedded quartzites with their micaceous partings. It forms the western extension of the so-called "Cambrian" quartzite formation, which, according to McVey, covers most of the district of East Kootenay. The quartzite has been faulted down against the much older crystalline mass just noted in the (eastern) part of the belt situated between Priest river and the Bykerk mountains. West of the Kootenay falls the dip of the quartzite averages about 60 degrees to the southeast, east of the river the same formation re-appears from beneath the river alluvium with an average dip of ten degrees to the east. This sharp discordance of attitude is well marked for the whole ten miles along the valley between the boundary line and Creston Junction, and points to the fact that the Kootenay valley is located on a principal zone of fracture-displacement. McConnell has found similar evidence on the shores of Kootenay lake. The valley owes its origin either directly to the subsidence of a long narrow block of the mountain-built crust of the earth, (then a fault trough or "graben") or, as it is more probable, it is the result of river excavation on a zone of rock rendered weak by the shattering and faulting.

In comparatively recent geological time the normal river-profile of the valley was altered and Kootenay lake came into existence. At one time it extended with its full width of from two to four miles far to the southward of the boundary line. The fifty square miles of alluvial flats and sloughs between the line and the outlet of the river is a true delta. The river is still building up its flood plain which forms some of the richest arable lands in British Columbia.

SULLIVAN CLOSED DOWN.

Smelter and Mine Out of Business For
Indefinite Period.

Cranbrook, March 10.—The Sullivan smelter at Marysville, and the mines at Kimberly have closed down for an indefinite time. The smelter, which has a large stock of ore on hand was closed wholly on account of metallurgical difficulties, and the freezing of the water power which generated the electric light service, this coupled with the fact that the ores are very refractory entailed losses, which have increased rapidly during the past two months.

Rumors have been rife during the past week that financial difficulties were besetting the company, and that a receiver had been appointed, or applied for. This is strongly denied by the management, and the finances have nothing to do with the closing down. It is said that Superintendent Goodell, of the smelter, would probably resign.

VANCOUVER EXCLUSION LEAGUE

Vancouver, March 10.—The con-
servative, or anti-foreign element, won last night in the election of officers at the annual meeting of the Asiatic Ex-
clusion League. J. E. Wilton is the new president. Gordon Grant was re-elected as secretary.

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NEW YORK'S MORGUE

American exaggeration is even shown in the planning of a morgue for New York, which they declare shall be "the biggest, brightest, and best morgue in the world." Europe has been ransacked for ideas in architecture and equipment, and one English correspondent goes to the length of saying that when the new institution is finished it will recall Rosherville Gardens, "the place to spend a happy day."

The designers plan six storeys, and in its architecture the place will be light, decorative, and respectful. Room for 275 bodies. In as many compartments and boxes to hold them, will be included in twenty great refrigerators. One of the features of the morgue will be a series of twenty-five display-cases of tiling and porcelain, covered with layers of plate-glass, which will be used for the showing of the unidentified bodies. The bodies will be tilted at a slight angle, so that rapid views may be afforded.



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BOOKMAKING ON RACE TRACK

SECRETARY SMART EXPLAINS POSITION

Directors Claim Will Be Difficult to Conduct Races Without Betting.

With reference to the action of the B. C. Agricultural Association in endeavoring to have the clause referring to bookmaking in the Moral Reform By-Law removed, Secretary Smart, when seen this morning, said:

"A wrong impression seems to have been given to the public with reference to this matter. At present there is no serious difference existing between the city council and the directors of the exhibition. It is true that negotiations have been going on for some time towards having this section removed, but the directors do not expect the council to act without giving the subject the fullest consideration, but expect that when they realize that it means so much to the success of the exhibition the matter will be amicably settled."

"The directors of the exhibition have only one object in view and that is to make the fair a success and a credit to the city of Victoria, and after their experience they realize the difficulty they would encounter if several of their sources of income are cut off."

"The directors were met by the council on Friday evening in a very friendly spirit, and while no definite reply was given, it was not expected that they realized that the matter would require full discussion before any action was taken."

"At the last meeting of the directors, nothing whatever was said or done in reference to the removal of the by-law, nor of tendering their resignation, though of course if they can not see a reasonable chance of making the exhibition a financial success, no other course seems open."

"The question has been carefully considered by the directors, and they have concluded that, as the making of books on authorized race tracks during the progress of a race meeting is not an indictable offense under the Criminal Code of Canada, and would be carried out in spite of their efforts to stop it, that in order to maintain the high moral standard at present enjoyed by the Victoria exhibition it is much better to have it under their direct control and at the same time to derive a certain amount of revenue for the privilege. While it is a fact that on a great many tracks in the Eastern States the bookmaking privilege has been dispensed with, it has been accepted by the directors that this has only been done on tracks where racing has been carried on as a business for three or four months during the racing season, and where the bookmakers are required to provide the purses, and not in connection with exhibitions where racing is put on simply as an attraction to visitors."

"At all the larger exhibitions in Canada where racing is conducted as an attraction, bookmaking is allowed under the direct supervision of the directors, and this is all that is being asked for by the directors of the exhibition at Victoria."

"At present, Victoria exhibition has the reputation of conducting their racing attractions in a clean and sportsmanlike manner, and the directors have yet to hear of any complaints to the contrary. This reputation has only been gained by the manner in which the bookmakers and the bookmaking money has been withdrawn of this class, and the presence, if any, of an inferior class, which would

Latest photograph of the Czarina of Russia, who has forbidden the ladies of her court to smoke, and the Czarovitch.



make it almost impossible to give the clean races that have been given in the past, in view of the fact that the bookmaking would not be under their supervision. The directors do not claim that they cannot conduct a race meeting without bookmaking. What they do claim is that they cannot do so without very materially increasing the amount of the purses offered, to the extent of probably 20 to 30 per cent. This can only be done by either increasing the purses offered in other departments, and which are already smaller than those offered by any other exhibition of its size in Canada, or at the expense of the ratepayers. In view of this the directors are asking that their wishes, which have only been arrived at after the deepest consideration, be granted in order that they may be enabled to make the provincial exhibition at Victoria a financial success, as well as a credit to the capital.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

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Dominion.
Will Allen, J. S. Matthews, Hy. H. Saps, Alex. Craig, P. Morley, A. McAlpine, J. A. Bishop, John King and H. E. Reade, Vancouver; J. A. Trankurch, Seattle; J. B. Swarbrick and L. Meek, Helena, Mont.; D. H. Buckle, Beaver Point; P. V. Belmont, Colorado; Martha Beck, New Zealand; P. Purvis, A. Hayman and L. Brunkitt, Ganges; Mrs. H. Duckett and Frank A. Mack, Sydney; David Brock, Pincher Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Moore, Boisevalh; S. Howard, Toronto; C. W. Courton and D. P. McCree, Winnipeg; S. Craig, London; Mrs. D. M. Blackburn, Enderby; Mr. and Mrs. S. Helling, Nanton, Alta.; A. A. Sears, city; Geo. Cleave and W. Hamilton, Princess Mary; W. Cook, Revelstoke; E. G. F. S. Fraser, Vancouver; W. D. Collins, San Francisco; W. H. Wollard and L. Fournier, Montreal, Que.; Henry Bader, Tacoma, Wash.; J. E. Skelton and wife, Portland, Ore.

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PAUL GILMORE IN "THE WHEEL OF LOVE" The Popular Actor Will Be at Victoria Theatre This Evening.

Paul Gilmore and his large company of players will be at the Victoria theatre to-night and present "The Wheel of Love," his latest comedy success. Mr. Gilmore's present tour has been the most successful he ever enjoyed, and night after night capacity houses have greeted him. Mr. Gilmore, among other things, says:

"Yes, the clean drama is the thing. That the theatre, whether used for legitimate drama, musical comedy or vaudeville, has a position, is a fact that cannot be gainsaid. The drama to-day plays its part as it has for 2,000 years or more, in the national life of the world, just as surely as does the church and the school. Ask ten men the raison d'être of the drama, and in seven cases out of ten, they will tell you to amuse! The other three replies would be: to educate, by education. Both answers are true, yet both are incomplete in themselves, for each needs the other. The stage is the greatest educational factor in the world to-day and has the greatest power for good and evil in its hands. Men and women may be amused and elevated at the same time. The stage reaches the masses of people, independent of class or race, distinctions of creed and prejudice. I believe it is a rational



PAUL GILMORE To Be Seen To-night in "The Wheel of Love."

view of the situation to say that the stage begins where the church leaves off; that the stage reaches people whom the church can only just begin to touch ever so lightly. Now, what is the stage making of its trust? It must be acknowledged that as a general rule, the tendency of late has been for the stage to be a place of low standards, and the general elevation of tone in productions. For a time the drama wallowed in a slough of filth. There was a tidal wave of 'problem' or sex drama. It was demanded by the people, as shown in the box office returns. Then came the influx of French farce and musical comedy, an illegitimate offspring of a worthy original. Pure amusement, musical comedies just for fun; good clean farces and heroines that have not a 'past' or a present that will not bear close inspection; these are the offerings which to-day bring the largest receipts into the box office. It is truly the mission of the stage to portray life as it is, and not as it seems, but it is impossible to teach by negatives. We cannot say 'look at this. This is what you are not to do.' You must paint the gray with the light lights; you must put in the shadow with the sunshine, otherwise your picture is not complete. You have not truth, and you cannot teach by dishonesty. But neither is it right to give the shadows and the gloom without the sunshine, nor to inflame vice, or parade its victims as heroines. The public goes to see those things, when it does go, just to see how bad they really are. It goes to see an actress wallow in a mire of filth and degradation, just to see to what depths she will sink. I believe that cleanliness in the dramatic face is the duty of the stage. I believe it is due to the public that the stage, entrusted as it is with such a mission, and with such tremendous power, should give the best and only the best. I believe that this means dollars to the managers, permanent and not transitory success, and fame and greater glory to the actors and actresses, to say nothing of a greater satisfaction to the public at large."

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A band of sixteen Belgrade thieves, who have just been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, were defended in court by their leader, a youth of sixteen named Asherovitch. He organized the operations of the band and divided the spoils. The band allowed him an extra share for educational trips to Berlin and Budapest.

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A ROMANTIC SCENE WITHIN THE CITY Woman Who Was Molested by Intruders Took Occasion to Defend Herself.

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As years went on the husband wished to return to his old love, but the wife could not see things in this light, and she refused to have him in the house or in the garden, or in any place over which she had any control.

This annoyed the husband immensely, and forsaking his usual avocation he began to practise as the 'polite letter writer.'

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At Detroit the Free Press and the News raised their price on December 1st, 1907, to 2 cents per copy; the Gazette-Times, of Pittsburgh, has also increased its price to 2 cents. The Indiana Star League newspapers, comprising the Morning Star at Indianapolis, the Star at Muncie, and the Star at Terre Haute, have raised their price to 2 cents for their daily edition and 15 cents for daily and Sunday. The weekly edition of the News-Sentinel, of Memphis, Tenn., has raised its price from 25 cents to 30 cents per year. Providence, R. I., Tribune has raised the price of its evening edition to 2 cents, while a number of papers in the immediate vicinity of Providence will follow the Tribune's example. The Washington, D. C., Herald will increase its price from 1 cent to 2 cents per copy, and this leaves only one penny paper in Washington. Beginning March 1st, 1908, the St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch will increase its price from \$2 to \$3 per year. It has also been announced by the Dispatch that beginning January 1st all subscriptions shall be cash in advance. The Daily Oklahoma announces that its subscription price will be advanced from \$3 to \$4, taking effect January 1st, 1908. A number of the Canadian dailies, following the example of those at Montreal.

FOUR WEEKS MORE.

Only four weeks now remain for those who are not already on the Voters' List to have their names registered. Those who have come to reside in the city and young men who have attained the age of 21 should see that this is attended to at once, as the list compiled at the coming Court of Revision will in all probability be the one used at the next Dominion election. For the benefit of those who do not have time to go to the Court House to register, the Liberal Rooms, No 1230 Government Street, upstairs, are open every evening, where this can be done. Any one having their vote registered in some other riding of this province and residing in Victoria who wish to have their vote transferred can have this attended to also.

FASTING MAN FINED FOR EATING.

A professional fasting man was sentenced at Eborfield to a fine of \$15 for depraving the public by eating chocolate and other things during a would-be forty-seven days' fast at the Thalia theatre. The attendant who supplied him with food was fined \$5 for aiding and abetting the fraud.

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Rivalry between two French boys, Charles Cahurel and Albert Arrenal, aged respectively 15 and 16, for the affections of a girl of fourteen, has had a disastrous result.

Albert was the preferred one, and Charles resolved to murder him. One night Charles lay in wait for Albert in the Rue Villain, and as he passed by sprang upon him and plunged his knife twice into his back. He then fled, but was arrested. The victim is dying.

At Chen two farm servants, who loved the same girl, decided to settle the question by a duel with revolvers. In this case also the favored one fell, being shot through the heart.

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The Victoria Terminal Company has entered into arrangements for the building of a large transfer barge to connect between some point on the mainland and Sidney. The barge will be capable of carrying nine loaded cars. It will be 125 feet long, 25 feet beam and 10 feet deep.

The work will be done under Sloan Bros. of Seattle, and work will begin in a day or two.

The new ferry has been under contemplation for some time. It has not yet been decided, however, at what point it will connect with the Great Northern or the mainland. New Westminster and Hano Bay near Point Roberts and Whidbey are all under consideration. The connection will be made with the Great Northern, and the allied lines, the V. V. E. and the V. W. & Y.

The intention is to use the barge in connection with a tug just as the business demands. It will possibly be ready for operation about July and will at first make the run every second day.

THE MOANA REACHED

PORT LAST EVENING

Steamship from Australia Arrived After an Uneventful Trip.

The R. M. S. Moana, Captain Morrisby, of the Canadian-Australian line, arrived last evening from Sydney, Australia, after one of the fastest of her twenty-five voyages to this port. The Moana had a total passenger list of 135 persons, 166 of whom boarded the steamer at Australian ports.

The new provincial immigration officer, Alexander Monteith, met the steamer, but as all the 11 Hindus on board were booked to Vancouver the opportunity to apply the educational test of the provincial Natal act was not presented. This test will be applied in Vancouver on the arrival, the result of which will be a test case in the Vancouver courts. It is probable that the Dominion immigration officials will also refuse the landing of the Hindus on the plea that they have not come direct from the land of their birth, having boarded the Moana at Suva.

The passengers will be disposed of as follows: For Vancouver, 14 saloon, 31 second and 25 steerage; for overland parties, 16 saloon, 8 second, 5 steerage; for United States and San Francisco 6 saloons, 21 second and 20 steerage.

The Moana debarked several saloon passengers here, including H. Wickens and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner as well as 26 second and 26 steerage passengers. S. Baxter, the provincial government inspector of boilers, was amongst the passengers after having spent a holiday in New Zealand.

G. A. M. Buckley, a well known retired British army officer, was amongst the saloon passengers bound for the Old Country. Mr. Buckley was one of the largest subscribers to the Nimrod-Ahtartie expedition which was under the direction of Lieutenant Shackleton and Captain England and was greatly shocked at the news cabled here recently that the Nimrod had returned to Christchurch, N. Z., owing to dissensions between Captain England, the master of the vessel, and Lieutenant Shackleton, the officer in charge of the expedition. Mr. Buckley will again cross Canada in the fall on his return to the Antipodes.

The purser's report was as follows: The Moana left Sydney February 17th and arrived at Brisbane two days later, leaving February 19th at 10:30 p.m. for Suva, and reaching the Fiji port February 24th. Honolulu was called at March 2nd, the steamer leaving the same day for Victoria. The vessel experienced fresh northeast winds and moderate sea to Brisbane, thence light to fresh easterly winds with moderate sea and fine weather to Suva. From there light to moderate southeast and northeast winds with moderate sea were had until Honolulu was reached, from where fresh to strong southwest and southeast winds, with rain squalls and moderate sea, with fog and fog, was encountered until arrival at Cape Flattery yesterday.

The cargo for Victoria was a very small one and only amounted to 29 tons. The Moana had an average cargo for other ports including a shipment

of raw sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery of Vancouver frozen mutton, wool, rabbits, etc. The cargo landed at this port was 25 cases rabbits, 215 cases onions, 69 bags coffee, 100 cases milk, 12 barrels coconut oil, 723 pieces timber and sundries.

The passengers for Victoria were: First class—H. Wickens, Mrs. and Miss Skinner. Second class—Mrs. Jackson and two children, Mr. Greenwell, Mrs. Clayworth, Miss Hayman, E. Brummitt, Mrs. Lamphie, and child, Miss E. Jones, M. Beck, Mrs. and Miss Poole, Mrs. Duckett and child, Miss Cockerill, S. Baxter, J. Moore, F. De Mole, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson and three children, O. Daniels, Steerage—E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Depey, W. Buttler, J. Burns, E. Williams, F. Broth, C. Wilde, A. O'Toole, P. Culliney, W. Holdridge, C. Bourne, W. Macdonald, R. Marshall, W. J. Sheridan, P. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf and two children, S. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and four children.

The Moana made two record runs on two perfect days in the Southern Pacific, making 365 miles one day and 360 the other. These distances are equal to a number of speed limits on the Atlantic liners. The Moana had received a cleaning and overhauling on her recent trip and was in good condition to make the fast run she accomplished.

GEORGIA STILL HERE.

She is Taking On a Large Consignment of Ties for Mexico.

The Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia, Captain Forbes, is still lying at the outer wharf and will be unable to leave before to-morrow morning. The steamer took on a large cargo at Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and arrived at the outer wharf Sunday, expecting to sail the following day, but owing to large consignments of crooked railroad ties consigned to the Mexican government at Salina Cruz and Tehuantepec for railway construction, the captain postponed the sailing date until Thursday morning. The day was taken advantage of by Captain Forbes to clean and overhaul the boilers, and in addition, a large consignment of valuable Oriental goods were replaced on board.

The Georgia has 22 saloon and six steerage passengers, including J. E. Moore, the well-known shipping man, who is going to Mexico in the interests of the merchants and shippers interested in increasing the trade with Mexico.

Among the saloon passengers booked are three Cingalese, the first of that nationality who have been in Victoria. The knowledge of the immigration officials, they arrived from the Orient by one of the Japanese liners about two months ago, and have been selling jewellery and trinkets in British Columbia. Now they are bound for Mexico on the same business.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Vado of the Boscowitz Steamship company reached port yesterday from Nias and coast ports, with an average freight. The season is not yet having opened up. A few passengers were brought down, including some who are interested in some coal borings on Malcolm Island. E. Hodgson, who was in charge of the borings, was one of the party.

Messrs. Wynn and Townsend, two sportsmen who have been spending some time hunting on the northern coast, returned. The other passengers included H. Jarbaineau, J. D. Martin, R. W. Leeson, R. A. Montgomerie, H. Kline and A. Pine, who returned from a visit to the Kilmuir valley.

The Vado brought a boiler taken from the wreck of the river steamer Northwest and landed it in Vancouver. She will leave again to-night for Port Simpson, calling at all small trading stations on the way. The Vado is scheduled to leave Porters wharf at 10 p.m. to-night.

The Jolliffe finished loading this morning and will leave to-day for southern-British Columbia waters. The Jolliffe has taken on board 12 tons of calcium carbide which will be used for recharging the three acetylene gas beacons placed at various points between here and Alaskan points. The Jolliffe will also deliver supplies at the various lighthouses on her way south, and repair all shipping signals and buoys. She will be absent about a month, and this trip will probably be the last under the existing Government charter.

The Quadra, whose place the Jolliffe is at present filling, will be hauled up on the ways of the B. C. Marine Railway this week and her repairs and overhauling be pushed to completion. The Quadra is expected to be ready by the time the Jolliffe returns.

The ship Marechal de Castries, Captain Cordials, left Catela Buena, on the South American Coast, for the Royal Roads on February 8th and is expected shortly.

CHAMPION TYPIST.

Miss Rose L. Fritz, who has held the world's typewriting championship for three years, and typewrote "The Quixote" in a minute for an hour, is going from New York to take part in speed contests at the forthcoming business exhibition at Olympia, London.

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DOES JAPAN WANT WAR?

The Real Danger.

Despite the alarming indulgence in war-talk and other surmises suggestive of belligerence that have been persistently circulated by a certain section of the Press in regard to Japan's intentions on the Pacific, her next war is assuredly still beyond the range of vision, or even fore-sight.

And yet one need not be a prophet or the son of a prophet to perceive that Japan is on the verge of a great conflict. Paradoxical as such a statement may appear, it is nevertheless true. There is to be a struggle, though it may not mean the clash of arms and the shedding of blood.

In the first place, Japan does not want war and has no intention of doing anything that might involve trouble outside her borders. The fact is, Japan has had enough of war to last her for a reasonably long and indefinite period. Her governing classes will have no more of it, and without them Japan could put up but a poor showing in favor of light. Nothing less than the very gravest of causes could persuade them to enter upon another conflict with the sword. They have performed their duty to the conclusion that war is an expensive luxury for a poor nation. The Manchurian victories, so unrivalled in glory and so unprecedented in achievement, are admittedly too costly an undertaking for more than one generation. There is not a man of any common sense in Japan who has any ambition for a repetition of their atrocities; the thousands of orphans they have created are not yet provided for; the millions in gold they have buried can never be resurrected, and creditors are calling in vain at the imperial doors. The last war laid upon Japan a great burden. No one could contemplate another war for Japan without desiring the nation's ruin.

Capitulation of Money, Not Blood. But the nation is face to face with a gigantic conflict nevertheless. One will always breathe others, and the last war has left Japan in a state of financial depletion that only the most tremendous efforts in the way of frugality and thrift can recoup. No one who knows the social conditions of the country at present believes that Japan is going to accomplish this without a pressure upon the masses that will be almost unendurable. In the not very distant future Japan will find herself confronted with a conflict not of blood perhaps, but of money; not for conquest, but for existence as a solvent nation; and the adjustment of her finances will require greater ingenuity than the taking of Manchuria.

Japan's foreign debt at present is not less than 2,800,000,000 yen. The amount required to meet the annual interest at a high rate on this enormous indebtedness is fast reducing the population to a condition of extreme poverty. Already the limit of the nation's taxable capacity has been reached, but the giant burden has not even begun to move. How long can the poorest people on the face of the earth be expected to endure a per capita tax of 53 yen? Even now it is easy to notice that a vast social and industrial unrest is permeating the entire fabric of Japanese society; the threat of increased taxation is tightening the strain; in dozens of instances the cords of restraint have given way, with disastrous results. There has not been a single important line of industry in Japan that during the last twelve months has not known strikes of the most serious nature, all due to the ultra-financial stringency that could afford a living wage.

Share Never Lower.

In some instances these social eruptions resulted in wanton and wholesale destruction of valuable property and ruthless loss of life. Stocks and shares were never lower in history of the Empire. The phenomenal boom in the establishment of commercial companies and new lines of industrial enterprise that marked the opening of 1907 has broken, and many of the embryo undertakings have already gone into liquidation. The failure of the Government monopolies and the big corporations under the patronage of the Government are swallowing up the smaller ventures, with naturally a consequent discouragement to private enterprise. But the difficulty that calls for immediate adjustment is that bearing upon the cost of living which is unjustly oppressing the masses. For this the Government must bear the responsibility.

The Government is to blame because, although the indebtedness of the nation is now more than the people can well bear, the authorities are reckless in proceeding with an ever-increasing expenditure of money. Moreover, the exceedingly high tariff on the necessities of life has resulted in an increased cost of living in all directions. This has advanced by 30 per cent in the last five years, and without any corresponding increase of wages or salaries. During the last twelve months the price of rice, which is the poor man's bread, has gone up to double what it was a year ago, and is now higher than ever before in the history of Japan. The alarming and sudden increase in the cost of living, combined with the weight of taxation, leaves the masses justly disaffected toward the Government, yet the latter goes on indifferently adding to the nation's liabilities by raising loans and expanding armaments and indulging in various enterprises that even wealthy nations would hesitate to afford. That the result of such extravagance can turn out satisfactorily is beyond even the most sanguine hopes of the best financiers.

Note of Warning.

Among these, Japan can reckon none greater than the names of Baron Shibusawa and Mr. Sonoda, of the Fifth Bank. These men admit that anxiety for the financial future of Japan is not entirely due to the hyper-critical faculty of jealous foreigners. Both of them recently have spoken in no ambiguous terms of the Government's unwisdom in the present increase of expenditure for the vast naval program, and warned the authorities as to the results of increasing taxation. Baron Shibusawa said that if Japan went on with her present expansion of armaments independently of resources she would be sure to impair her credit abroad and cripple her



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At the last meeting of the Elder Statesmen and the Tokio Cabinet ways and means for a solution of the nation's financial responsibilities were discussed. Further taxes on sugar, oil, and tobacco were suggested, but abandoned in view of the present disaffection of the masses, upon whom such taxes would most heavily fall. Finally the Minister of War was persuaded to consent to a postponement of certain expenditures in his department with the hope of being able to present the Diet, which opened on December 25, with a reasonable Budget.

But this method of evading embarrassment is only a postponement of the real difficulty. Unless the nation curbs somewhat its ambition and calls a halt in the vast outlays involved in the present programme for the expansion of armaments, it is surely persisting in a course as suicidal as war.

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